

BSI parent firm warns of 'significant' loss in 2014

By JOEL D. PINAROC

mperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd., the mother company of Saipan casino exclusive licensee Best Sunshine International, Ltd., has warned of a "significant" loss for its operations in 2014.

The Hong Kong-listed firm said it expects to "record a significant increase in net loss for the year ended Dec. 31, 2014."

In a security filing, the holdings firm

reported a net loss of \$1.93 million for 2013, after it last reported a profit in 2012, a report from GGRAsia.com

Imperial Pacific also reported a net

loss of \$2.5 million for the six months ending June 30, 2014.

The company attributed the loss to the "increase in operating costs and impairments in the food-processing segment and to the increase in expenses related to the development of the casino resort in Saipan."

Imperial Pacific, through Best Sunshine, has moved forward on its plans to invest more than \$7 billion to construct an integrated casino resort in the CNMI with about 2,000 rooms.

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Investors keen on Capital Hill projects

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Two groups of investors are proposing to build two projects on Capital Hill: a cultural center and a small, 60room hotel.

The other details of the proposals,

however, remain under wraps pending a review.

Department of Public Lands Secretary Pete Tenorio said one of the investors is a local, joint venture company, while the other is a foreign-owned corporation group but with a local office in the CNMI.

"They [investors] are working on their proposals. There is a cultural center, and a small hotel of about 60 rooms," Tenorio said.

The official said one of the companies already submitted a project proposal for the small hotel that is now

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US agents raid 'birth tourism' operators catering to Chinese

By VICTORIA KIM and FRANK SHYONG

LOS ANGELES—Xiaoyan Zhang made it clear that she had one objective for traveling to the U.S. from China-to give birth so her child would automatically be an American citizen.

Rest assured, a representative of You Win USA, a company advertising "maternity tourism" services, told Zhang. For fees starting at \$38,000, the firm guides pregnant women through the process, and she would soon be in the U.S. on a tourist visa to await the birth of her child at a luxury apartment complex in Irvine, Calif.

The company instructed Zhang and her cousin to book tickets to a popular tourist destination, such as Hawaii or Las Vegas, purchase a tour package she had no intention of using and fabricate an employment history to convince immigration officials that she would not overstay her visa, according to a federal affidavit unsealed Tuesday.

"If the story is convincing and she's good looking then the success rate

will be pretty high when she goes for the visa interview," a company representative told Zhang's cousin.

In fact, the woman and her cousin were undercover Homeland Security Investigations agents, according to the affidavit, which documented their discussions with You Win USA officials. In a coincidence, the operators of You Win USA set up their operation in an apartment complex across the street from the federal agency's Irvine field office.

You Win USA was one of three operations raided Tuesday by federal agents targeting "maternity tourism" schemes in which pregnant Chinese women travel to the United States, usually on tourist visas, so that their children will be born U.S. citizens.

The raids marked the largest federal investigation of its kind aimed at cracking down against the widespread practice of foreign nationals traveling to the U.S. solely to give birth.

Swarms of agents descended on apartment complexes in Los Angeles, Orange and San Bernardino counties, carting out boxes of documents, diaper containers and trash,

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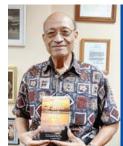
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Radich insists on being allowed to have handgun

David J. Radich, a U.S. Navy veteran who, along with his wife, challenged the constitutionality of the CNMI's handgun prohibition law, says he continues to be extremely concerned about self-defense for his wife and himself.

In his declaration filed in federal court, Radich described how an unidentified man invaded his home and attacked his wife in 2010, resulting in her sustaining several injuries.

The Office of the Attorney General, as counsel for Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero, asked the court to strike Radich's declaration.

Assistant attorney general James Zarones said the Radich couple should have presented to the court their reason for filing the declaration and requested permission to file the amended declaration.

Instead, Zarones said, the Radich couple took it upon themselves to file the new declaration without permission, perhaps thinking it is easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission.

On Tuesday, U. S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona dismissed the Radich couple's lawsuit. In the same order, the judge denied as moot the OAG's motion to strike the declaration.

In the new declaration, Radich said the CNMI law that prohibits him from owning a handgun significantly limits his ability to protect himself and his family in the event of violence.

At the same time, Radich said, his inability to obtain a Weapons Identification Card for self-defense purposes sig-

nificantly limits his ability to protect himself and his family.

Radich and his wife, Li-Rong, applied with the Department of Public Safety for a Weapons Identification Card, but their applications have yet to be approved or denied.

Manglona had dismissed the lawsuit for lack of standing. The judge, however, allowed the Radich couple to file by March 24, 2015, an amended complaint to include the handgun import ban. (Ferdie de la Torre)

Garapan street market gets new layout

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new layout.

Effective last night, the Thursday night street market has a

According to Commonwealth Council of Arts and Culture executive director Angel S. Hocog, they have removed the tents and booths close to the road.

"Now that's gone," he said.
"So everyone passing by gets to see what's going on inside," he said.

They are also expanding the street market, he said, because of the many vendors on their waiting list that want to join the market.

"It's a wider setup. We are adding 10 additional vendors

on top of what we have right now," he said.

These would be food, arts and crafts and merchant vendors, he said.

As the Thursday night market grows, there have also been talks of reopening the Tuesday market, according to Hocog.

"I see a potential to a create an extra day. But my plan

is—if I should make the decision—it's not going to be like the Thursday market.... It would be strictly to promote local produce."

"We've invited local vendors. So people can see how they can use their vegetables," he said.

Vendors have been pushing for a new market, he said. Hocog would like to talk with local farmer groups about the plans.



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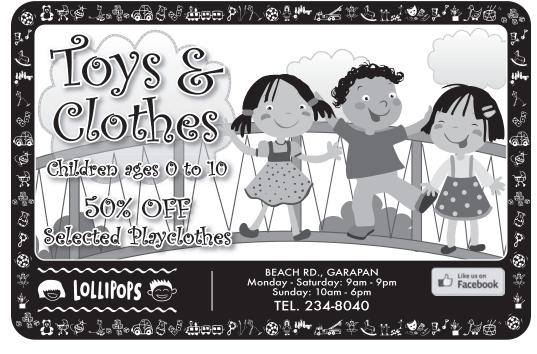
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Protest vs CUC's award of solar power contract dismissed

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A court action filed by a California-based solar energy company that protested the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s decision to award the development of a solar power system on Saipan and Rota to another company has been dismissed.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman ruled yesterday that CUC met its burden to show that the Legislature intended to exclude from judicial review a proceeding under the statute pertaining to bid protest.

Wiseman said CUC made a showing by "clear and convincing" evidence that, under the Rules of Procedure for Administrative Appeals, petitioner Coldwell Solar International Inc. must allege that the disputed matter arises from an "agency final order or decision in a contested case."

"Here, petitioner [Coldwell Solar] did not do so," said the judge in granting CUC's motion to dismiss without prejudice Coldwell Solar's petition for judicial review. Dismissed without prejudice means the energy firm is allowed to re-file the court action.

In its petition, Coldwell Solar asked the court to reverse the Office of the Public Auditor's decision that dismissed its protest over CUC's decision to proceed with a power purchase agreement with American Capital Energy Inc.

Coldwell Solar also requested in its petition to remand the matter for decision on the merits of the appeal.

Coldwell Solar chief executive Dave Hood stated that the contract award is based on 2011 pricing for the project, but the solar costs have dropped dramatically since then, up to 60 percent in most cases.

Hood asserted that if CUC were to bid out this project now, at today's pricing, CUC could have saved \$20 million in 20 years.

According to court records, CUC solicited proposals from independent power producers in March 2011 to enter into a power purchase agreement with CUC for electric power generated by means of a solar photovoltaic system.

Coldwell Solar alleged that CUC issued a notice of intent to enter into a power purchase agreement with American Capital Energy Inc.

Coldwell Solar also alleged that by the time CUC and American Capital Energy entered into a contract, the cost of solar power generation had dropped so low that it was no longer reasonable for CUC and American Capital Energy to execute the contract.

In July 2014, Coldwell Solar filed a protest with CUC for its decision to proceed with the American Capital Energy contract. CUC denied Coldwell So-

lar's protes

Coldwell appealed CUC's denial to OPA. In September 2014, OPA dismissed Coldwell's appeal on the ground that it lacked jurisdiction to decide the appeal.

This prompted Coldwell Solar to file the petition for a judicial review of the OPA's decision.

CUC argues that the text of the Rules of Procedure for Administrative Appeals shows legislative intent that judicial review of an agency action are limited to contested cases, those that require an agency hearing.

CUC argues that because there was no agency hearing involved in the course of the original litigation, the Commonwealth Administrative Procedure Act does not authorize the court to adjudicate the "contested case" petition for judicial review as it is currently pleaded.

In his order, Wiseman said the Rules of Procedure for Administrative Appeals provide that "an appeal from an agency final order or decision in a contested case is commenced by filing a petition for judicial review in the office of the clerk of the Superior Court."

Wiseman said the Rules define a contested case as a "proceeding before an agency in which the legal rights, duties, interests or privileges of specific parties are required by law or constitutional right to be determined after an agency hearing..."

The judge said a bid protest falls somewhere along the middle in the "contested case" spectrum.

Wiseman said a bid protest allows a prospective bidder such as Coldwell Solar to file a writ-

ten protest to the CUC executive director in a non-administrative hearing proceeding.

If the executive director does not grant the requested relief, then the petitioner may appeal the director's decision to OPA, Wiseman said.

He said the bid protest appeal proceeding does not require a formal administrative hearing, but a conference may be scheduled by the parties at OPA's discretion.

Thus, Wiseman pointed out, while the court finds that the underlying bid protest proceeding

determines the legal rights and duties of specific parties, these legal rights and duties are not determined after an agency hearing.

"At the same time, the court does not find that a bid protest proceeding falls into the category of cases that are exclusively removed from the definition of a contested case: it does not involve



the issuance of a license, permit, or certificate after a written examination," the judge said.

Even so, Wiseman noted, the court does not find that a bid protest proceeding is a "contested case" under the Rules—a necessary component for the court to adjudicate Coldwell Solar's petition.



Wiseman said because the court finds that a bid protest proceeding is not a "contested case," Coldwell Solar cannot maintain its petition for judicial review as it currently stands as a matter of law.

Wiseman said to be eligible for relief, Coldwell Solar must conform its pleading to "any applicable form of legal action" as contemplated by the statute pertaining to judicial review.





Patrick Camacho receives \$1,000.00 cash prize from the Northern Mariana Amateur Sports Association. Camacho was doing an evening grocery shopping with his family at Welcome Market in San Roque, when he decided to purchase three different Instant Scratchies (Tropical Treasure, Hafa Adai & Quick Cash). The lucky winner scratched the winning \$1,000.00 Quick Cash ticket. There are more \$1,000.00 prizes on offer. NMASA would like to bid good luck to all the players.



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Tropical Storm Bavi may turn into a typhoon; to approach south of NMI

Tropical Storm Bavi moved yesterday through the western Marshall Islands and is expected to approach the southern part of the CNMI as a typhoon by

Sunday or Monday.

As of 4pm, the center of Tropical Storm Bavi was 80 miles south-southeast of Ujae, 150 miles west-southwest of

Kwajalien, 275 miles northeast of Kosrae, and 1,480 miles east-southeast of Guam, according to the U.S. National Weather Service.

Packing maximum sustained winds of 40 miles per hour, the storm was moving west-northwest at 9mph.

Bavi is forecast to gradu-

ally intensify into a typhoon approach the Mariana Islands over the weekend and to turn toward the west-northwest and die de la Torre)

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IN FIRST MEETING WITH LEGISLATURE

Inos calls for 'collaboration'

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos presided over his first ever meeting with members of the 19th Legislature and discussed key issues in the Commonwealth

Topics discussed at the meeting included the upcoming budget, health care, utilities, CW visa issues, the Air Force's divert plan, and land compensation, according to Lt. Gov.

Ralph DLG. Torres.

In an interview after the twohour long, closed-door meeting, Torres stressed that first on the agenda was just "to welcome everybody on board."

Torres said the administration asked for "collaboration" from leaders of the Senate and House in addressing these issues. "It was an opportunity for leaders to voice their concerns as we move forward," he said.

He added that as far the

governor is concerned, the priority right now is the budget, which the central government must submit to the Legislature by April 1

Asked if the government will have a bigger budget for this year, Torres said "we are discussing it right now."

Rep. Glenn Maratita (R-Saipan) said most of the concerns "relate to the availability of funding" and that the governor has "acknowledged" that these concerns do exist, particularly land compensation, "which is long overdue."

House Speaker Joseph P.

Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) added that the governor wanted to meet with heads of the Senate and House committees initially, but also extended the meeting to all members of the Legislature.

The governor is essentially asking what the Legislature can do to help address some of the concerns that we have," he said.

On his part, Guerrero said he brought up the issue of CW visa for foreign workers during the discussion with the governor.

But the discussions are all exploratory, as far as the Legislature is concerned, he said.

Club doing great at TBMF the MHS's Rhythm 'N Har-

MHS Band, Chorale, Glee

>> Award

ceremony

tomorrow

for winners

By JAYSON CAMACHO jayson_camacho@saipantribune.com

Marianas High School's Pep Band, Chorale, and Rhythm 'N Harmony all did great in their performances for the 2015 Tumon Bay Music Festival, according to Marianas High School teacher Harold Easton.

More than 40 students from the CNMI are taking part in this year's festival, which started on March 7 and will end tomorrow, March 14.

Under the direction of Ruthie Fruit, MHS Chorale had five of their solo and ensemble entries selected for the March 11 Command Performances following their adjudication in the Tumon Bay Music Festival.

"In addition, based on their Saturday performances, John Huevos, Roland Balajadia, and Miguel Aninon were among the few selected to participate in the vocal master. Their director noted how proud she was of MHS Chorale's accomplishments, along with all the MHS students and faculty at the festival," Easton said.

MHS Pep Band performed on March 8 at the Micronesian Mall, "bringing the house down with their performance of Shake it Off featuring Leonard Manuel from

mony," Easton said.

The Pep Band performed five selections to an enthusiastic audience as part of the "pops concert—jazz, rock, and beyond" portion of the music festival.

"The Pep Band members were quoted as saying how much they enjoyed the oppor-

> tunity to play and meet fellow musicians in Guam," he said.

For Rhythm 'N Harmony under the

direction of Paul Dujua, the MHS Glee Club began its week with exchange program visits and successful performances at Liguan Elementary School where they were greeted by 200 fourth and fifth grade students.

"This was followed by a meeting with the Liguan E.S. Gates Honor Choir under the direction of Marc LaPlante and featured an exchange of performances by the two groups," Easton said

They also performed at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School and Simon Sanchez High School.

Rhythm 'N Harmony's performance is set for today, Friday, March 13, at the Kahida Guam Plaza Hotel and tomorrow, March 14, during the awarding ceremonies, together with the Festival Massed Choir.

11 cases referred to truancy panel; 'many more' expected

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Approximately 11 cases have been referred to the CNMI State Board of Education's School Attendance Review Committee, according to legal counsel Adam Hardwicke, who believes "there are probably many more on the wings."

He described the groups handling SARC cases at this point as a "finite" number of people. SARC was newly

and interviewing pregnant

women to the backdrop of wail-

Investigators said they were

looking for evidence of visa

fraud, conspiracy and other

crimes in which women were

helped to fabricate docu-

ments for visa applications

and coached to falsely claim

that they were traveling to the

U.S. for tourism. Women were

instructed to travel early in their

pregnancy and wear loose cloth-

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ing babies.

formed this year.

"I requested and did education and training for counselors, asking counselors to agree to volunteer to handle at least one SARC referral other than the ones they are referring within a school," he told board members last week.

This, he believes, is now in the works, he said.

The SARC committee is also preparing to attend a Parent Teacher Student Association meeting for a "question-and-an-

swer" session sometime within the next month, he said.

"The SARC committee is trying its best to get out there quickly as possible but trying to not bite off more than it can chew," Hardwicke said.

"It's going to be something that the Public School System is going to be responsible for...forever. So [SARC] is doing a very good job but it's also very deliberately reaching out," he said.

SARC was formed early this year to provide public schools

and their families in addressing truancy, irregular attendance, or insubordinate or disorderly behavior in school before referral to the juvenile justice system.

with intervention for juveniles

The committee is composed of a parent of a school-age child, representatives from PSS, the Coalition of Private Schools, the juvenile probation unit of the Division of Youth Services, the Child Protective Unit of the Division of Youth Services, and the Department of Public Safety.

could run afoul of existing visa and tax laws.

At a Rowland Heights apartment complex where Star Baby Care operated, about 40 personnel from various law enforcement agencies pounded on doors early Tuesday. Teams of agents aided by interpreters entered about a dozen apartments, conducting interviews and collecting evidence. Some poked flashlights into units where residents wouldn't open the door.

apartment

were used by Star Baby Care were lined with green AstroTurf mats and a row of plants on the outside and furnished inside with Ikea-style furniture.

"This is a good company and I've been treated well," she said in Chinese, asking that her name not be used because she was concerned

She said she came from China late last year and went sightseeing throughout San Diego and Los Angeles—skipping Disneyland because of the measles outbreak—until she gave birth to a son a few weeks ago. She said that even though she has no intention of living here, she wanted her

son to be able to apply to U.S. colleges because "America has the world's best universities."

At another apartment raided by federal authorities, a man said he and his wife were not in the country for maternity tourism. The man, who only gave his last name, Chen, said they had green cards and were residents of Rowland Heights who were using Star Baby Care's services for postpartum care, a traditional practice known as "confinement."

Operators of the agencies in Tuesday's raids could not be reached for comment.

No arrests were made, though authorities said those involved could face tax evasion and money laundering charges for hiding income from the lucrative business.

Agents wrote in affidavits that the schemes also defrauded the hospitals where the women gave birth. Even though the mothers paid birth tourism operators tens of thousands of dollars in fees, they paid local hospitals nothing or a reduced sum for uninsured, low-income patients, according to the affidavits.

More than 400 women associated with the Irvine location have given birth at one Orange County hospital since 2013, agents wrote in the affidavit. One of the women paid \$4,080 out of \$28,845 in hospital bills when her bank account showed charges at Wynn Las Vegas and purchases at Rolex and Louis Vuitton stores, the affidavit said.

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with DPL. "I'm looking into it," Tenorio said.

He declined to provide additional details, confirming only that the two projects will not be on the same location but will be "close to each other."

"I cannot disclose the investors yet, as the department is still reviewing the proposal," Tenorio said. "This will take time."

DPL recently said it "has concluded" the lease agreement with Best Sunshine International, Ltd. in Garapan and that lawyers are now finalizing the lease agreement.

Tenorio said Best Sunshine will "get most of a 1.5-hectare property in Garapan." "After that, we would refer the lease to the zoning authorities for the hearing," he said.

While the Garapan property is being processed, Tenorio said work on the leasing of a 40-hectare property in Marpi will follow.

He said Best Sunshine will be required to send a more detailed "master plan" on what it intends to do with the 40-hectare property, and will be required to coordinate again with DPL.

Aside from the 40-hectare property, a substantial land area in Naftan Point is also being eyed, Tenorio said.

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Best Sunshine recently closed the deal on an amended casino agreement that will allow the company to open a "live" training facility in Garapan.

The temporary casino will cost Best Sunshine \$25 million and employ 500 personnel and is set to start operations next month.

The construction of Phase 1 of the company's integrated

resort plan, a hotel with 250 rooms, meanwhile is also expected to commence. According to a GGRAsia.

com report, Imperial Pacific is also an investor in the profit stream of Macau junket firm Hengsheng Group. "In January, the Hong Kong-listed company said the profit stream from the Macau junket firmamounting to HKD10.7 million—had fallen short of guarantees made by the vendor's side," the report states.

"U.S. might refuse entry [if] should arrive in Los Angeles."

"maternity hotels" or "birthing centers," present a headache for local government and law enforcement because it is not necessarily illegal for foreign nationals to give birth in the U.S. Many agencies openly advertise services offering assistance in getting newborns a U.S. passport and extolling the

ing to avoid detection, and enter the U.S. through popular tourist destinations rather than Los Angeles, where authorities are more likely to suspect birth tourism, according to the affidavits.

the belly is too big," one business stated on its website, advising women to travel at 24 to 30 weeks into their pregnancy, according to an affidavit. "The size of the belly is quite important to determine when you

The businesses, known as

benefits that come with American citizenship, including public education and immigration benefits for parents.

Taiwanese, Korean and Turkish mothers are also known to engage in birth tourism, but the practice has become particularly popular in recent years with the newly wealthy Chinese middle class.

Cities have cited such operations for building, fire or zoning violations, but they often swiftly relocate and reopen for business. One affidavit quoted a law review article estimating that about 40,000 of 300,000 children born to foreign citizens in the U.S. each year are the product of birth tourism.

One of the companies raided Tuesday, Star Baby Care, boasted on its site that it had served 4,000 women from China since it was founded in 1999, according to an affidavit.

Efforts to outlaw or regulate the practice have so far been unsuccessful. A bill in the 2013 Congress to limit birthright citizenship to babies with at least one American parent was never voted on. A state Assembly proposal that would have made it a misdemeanor to operate hotels outside areas where they are allowed by zoning codes died in a legislative committee. Los Angeles County assembled a task force in 2013 to field related complaints and cited 28 maternity hotels, but never passed an ordinance specifically barring

birth tourism.

Such operations, however,

"Baby here," said one agent, beckoning a colleague to an

Units that authorities said

One woman interviewed by federal agents Tuesday said she didn't understand why investigators came knocking on her door.

about legal ramifications.

Four Precinct 5 road-paving projects break ground

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The Department of Public Works broke ground on four road-paving projects in Precinct 5, starting with Chopak Drive in Kagman III yesterday that was attended by Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, lawmakers, government officials, and community members.

Aside from Chopak Drive, the three other roads that will finally be paved are Pine Drive and Mangga Street in Kagman III and Katbun Road in San Vicente.

The funding for the road paving in Kagman III and San Vicente was made possible after Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed a local law in July 2014 appropriating more than \$2.17 million in bond funds for Saipan projects. Of the \$2.17 million, \$600,000 went to Precinct 5 road paving.

Since the first issuance of homesteads in Kagman III in December 1993, roads in phases 3 and 4 of the village had little or no paved roads, causing residents and motorists a decade of negotiating dilapidated roads.

Twenty-two years later, Kagman III will finally see acing in San Vicente.

the road paving.

Guerrrero (Ind-Saipan) and [Rep. Francis S.] Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) in their continued effort to fight for paved roads and those contributed one way or another," Torres said.

"For Hawaiian Rock, we have a lot of projects ahead of us and would like to ask for their continued support to work with our agencies as we move forward. This is a big project for Kagman III and I hope that we have more revenue allocated to address the roads here," he added.

DPW acting secretary James Ada said the road paving is finally starting after many unsuccessful efforts in the past.

"Fifteen years ago, when I was a director for roads and ground for DPW, my staff had to fix these roads and it is about time for Kagman residents to be proud of it," Ada said.

Hawaiian Rock president Jerrold C. Johnson said they are happy to be awarded the project and are ready to start.

"We're just finishing up the cross-island road so we got the people available and our CNMI manager, Ponciano P. Corotan, assured me that he can finish this project very

tatives, [Rep. Lorenzo] Deleon to start doing the clearing," Corotan said.

> Luis Pangelinan, a Kagman resident for 10 years, said that times like these is when they see at least a little being done for Kagman III.

> "Hopefully we'll see more projects here and I know funding is the problem. It's better than nothing and we'll see little at a time and I guess we'll be happy in the end," he said.

Joshua Mikel, another Kagman resident for 19 years, said he was very happy to see that the road will now be paved.

Deleon Guerrero said that he will continue to work with his colleagues to identify funds for other road-paving projects in the precinct, including in Kannat Tabla.

"We want to make everyone happy. There's not so much we can do without the funding so we will work on this," Deleon



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Guerrero said.

Aside from the road paving in Kagman III, Deleon Guerrero said Kagman IV residents also needs a water line. He said he doesn't know where the

people living there get their water from.

"I hope they can consider funding for that as well, including other areas of Kagman that needs to be addressed," he said.

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Six to compete for 2015 Miss Marianas tiara

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Stellar Marianas has six contestants ready for the 2015 Miss Marianas Pageant leading toward the crowning on May 14 to represent the CNMI.

In yesterday's news briefing, five of the contestants were introduced to the local media.

The contestants include Jian Joyner, 20; Dana Marie Manglona, 20; Rianna Kristin McCale, 20; Daysia San Nicolas, 19; Joanna Marie Navarro, 19; and Irene Torres, 20, who was not present.

The 2015 Miss Marianas pageant will be themed "Vintage Hollywood" and will be held at the Sandcastle of Hyatt Regency Saipan.

When asked why they decided to join the pageant, majority of the contestants said they wanted to promote the islands' beauty and give it greater renown in the international community.

They said they would also use this opportunity to boost their self-confidence, learn lifelong skills, and be a positive role model for the community.



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Contestants may receive Stel- Marianas Pageant after successlar Marianas luxury prizes. Stel- fully hosting the Miss Marianas lar Marianas created the Miss Teen last year.

IN \$1.7M HEALTH CARE, FOOD STAMP FRAUD CASE Federal court agrees to delay once more trial of Leyda Ada

The federal court has agreed to delay again the jury trial of Leyda I. Ada, who is accused of conspiring with her husband in a health care and food stamp scam in an amount exceeding \$1.7 million.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona cancelled the jury trial set for March 24, 2015, and set a new trial date for June 1, 2015.

Ada's counsel, Mark B. Hanson, and assistant U.S. attorney Garth R. Backe had jointly asked the court to reset the trial date to ensure that expert reports are completed.

Hanson and Backe agreed that the case is unusual and complex given the nature and breadth of the allegations against Ada, its underlying facts, and the extensive documentation.

The lawyers said that, without enough time to complete an investigation, Hanson would have no time to prepare effectively for trial.

In support of the allegations, the U.S. government provided Ada with about 35,000 pages of Bates stamped documents and a substantial amount of additional printed materials. The prosecution also produced a voluminous amount of electronic discovery.

Ada has retained the services of a forensic document examiner and she expects to provide a report from that expert to the U.S. government by March 20, 2015.

The lawyers said the information available to the expert has since been corrected and the expert is in the process of preparing a new report based on the corrected information.

After receiving the report from Ada's expert, the prosecution believes that it may take up eight weeks for its own expert to review Ada's expert's report and prepare and obtain approval for its own report.

The parties agreed that they are not ready to proceed with the March 24 trial.

Last August, Ada also asked to reset the trial due to difficulties of securing forensic handwriting experts and voluminous materials.

Manglona granted Ada's motion to continue the Sept. 9, 2014, trial and set it for Oct. 6, 2014. The trial was then later set for March 24, 2015.

Ada pleaded not guilty to the second superseding indictment charging her with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering, one count of money laundering, five counts of mail fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit food stamp fraud, and one count of perjury.

The original indictment charged Ada and her husband, Melvin Ada, with 59 counts.

Melvin Ada is a former employee of the Commonwealth Health Center who pleaded guilty to 56 charges for misappropriating and diverting CNMI Treasury checks made payable to a medical supplier company totaling over \$1.7 million. He is awaiting sentencing.

Melvin Ada was previously a medical supply specialist at CHC. Leyda Ada used to be a sales representative for Midwest Medical Supply Co. Inc., a Missouri-based company that had supplied dialysis consumables and equipment to CHC. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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Overcoming the odds: A look at Uncle Dave's new book

Not a lot of people know who the first and second mayor of Saipan was, how the Japanese really treated the natives back then, the way the war was for our people, how Hyatt Regency Saipan came about, how our first governor won, how Atkins Kroll played an important role in bringing to the islands the biggest car seller in the world, or how the Saipan Chamber of Commerce or Saipan Rotary Club became well known.

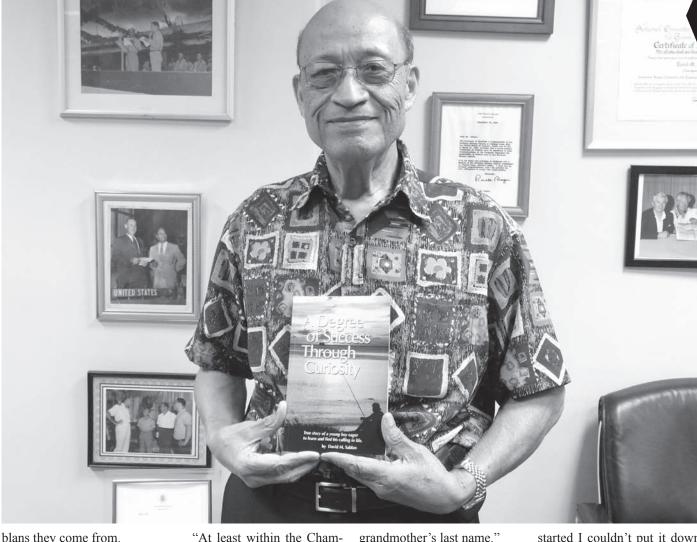
Mostly, this is because there are not a lot of books out there that document the firsthand account of historic events in the CNMI, of the small but significant details of the early growth of the Commonwealth.

Now comes a new book written by the David M. Sablan, A Degree of Success Through Curiosity, which tries to remedy that lack with an intensely personal narrative of how he overcame the odds while growing up during and after World War II, while also giving intimate insights and tidbits of information on how the CNMI came to where it is now

"Uncle Dave" said it took him nearly 10 years to finish his book due to his English grammar and the way he had to learn it back then. He described it as "difficulty in writing."

In an interview the author >>> Book signing with himself, Uncle Dave said he started out writing the book for his family and relatives

so they will have something to refer to when it comes to knowing who is who. He narrates a brief history of the Sablan ancestry and how it came about and what side of the Sa-



blans they come from.

today, March

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Secondly, he wanted people to know that there was a guy named Gregorio San Nicolas "Kilili" Sablan, the first mayor of Saipan, and that after his death five months into office, Uncle Dave's father—Elias

> Parong Sablan became the second mayor of Saipan, serving three four-year terms until 1957. "Very

has been said about these two people and essentially during World War II they were already leaders, and I think it is important that people should know the history of these people.

"At least within the Chamorro and Carolinian community, we should recognize our past leaders and somehow we missed that. They don't really know who my father was or who the first mayor was. My father was the chief for the Carolinian community and not too many people know that because he was half-Carolinian. His mother was a princess from one of the islands from the southern part of Chuuk. That is why my dad's middle name was Parong (in the past it was pronounced Parung). Parong in Carolinian is the hat, and that signifies something that is over your head, basically a definition of my

Third, he wants his legacy to be passed on, along with majority of the history he had gone through and especially his firsthand experience of World War II.

High praise

One of Uncle Dave's schoolmates, back when he attended the U.S. Navy Dependent School, whom he finally reconnected with after 63 years, had nothing but high praise for Uncle Dave's narrative of overcoming the odds and putting his experience into writing.

In an email to Uncle Dave, Ben Shirley said: "Once I

started I couldn't put it down and have read it cover to cover, enjoying every word, and as said, not being able to stop reading, it took me until midnight to finish."

Shirley said he had always been curious about how the Japanese treated the Saipanese, and thought it was much worse than how Uncle Dave described it in his book.

Without going into the details of what Shirley read in the book, Shirley said he was truly impressed and fascinated by A Degree of Success Through Curiosity and thought that Uncle Dave did a fantastic job in getting to where he is at today.

"It's very obvious that you

David M. Sablan, more popularly known as "Uncle Dave," holds his new book, A Degree of Success Through Curiosity.

had set your sights on a target and just took off, overcoming many very difficult hardships. The road you knew you had to travel, even when full of stumbling blocks, you just pushed them aside and moved on, sacrificing many things most people would not have thought of giving up.

"You knew where you wanted to be in a given time, and would, I'm sure, have climbed the highest mountain to reach that goal. I can't help but admire the courage, strength, and effort you had to pull from deep within yourself to achieve your goal, and have done more than your share to get Saipan and its people to where it and they are today," Shirley told Uncle Dave.

Uncle Dave's message

Uncle Dave said another reason he wrote the book is to show that anything can be done if you are determined to get it done.

"I want people nowadays to understand to take that initiative, go out there, and when you are doing what you want to do, don't lose hope. Instead, you fight and head toward a goal because it can be achieved. I want the generation now to look back and read this book and say, 'Hey, Uncle Dave did it, we can do it too.' That is what I really want to come out of this book," he said.

There will be a book signing of Uncle Dave's book today, March 13, at Joeten Susupe, from 4pm to 6pm. Uncle Dave is inviting anyone interested in reading his book to attend the book signing. His book will only be sold at Joeten Susupe.



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Cradle of citizenship: The United States is right to curb birth tourism

edical tourism is big business worldwide; it's estimated that 1 to 2 million people travel abroad for services ranging from cancer treatment to tummy tucks. But a pregnant woman who comes to the United States to give birth gets something even more valuable than medical care: U.S. citizenship for her baby.

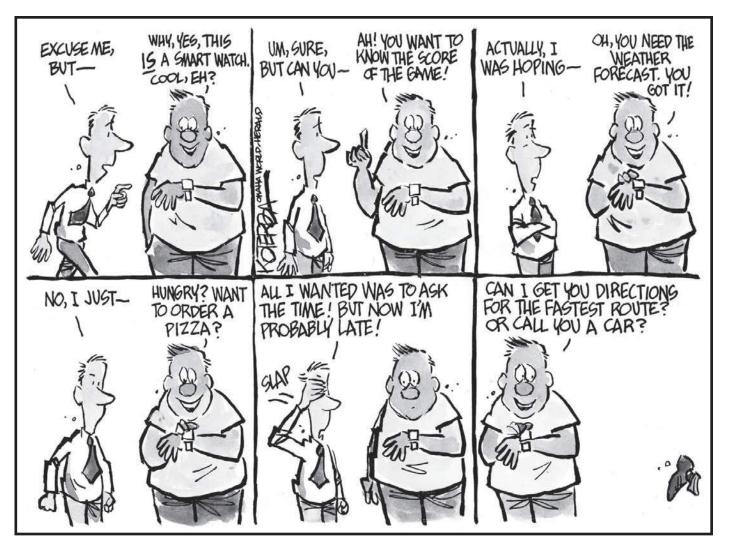
That's why women from China and other countries are paying companies between \$40,000 and \$60,000 to help them give birth in the U.S.—and why federal agents last week raided more than 30 California sites believed to be connected to the dubious scheme. "Birth tourism" is not illegal, per se, but lying on a visa application is. Even if the fraud and conspiracy alleged in search warrants cannot be proven, U.S. citizenship should not be extended to babies born to tourists.

The United States and Canada are among a dwindling number of countries that bestow citizenship on the principle of *jus soli*, "right of the soil" in Latin. This means, if you're born on American soil, you're an American, no matter how temporary the stay. You can grow up in another country, then return to the U.S. as an adult and receive government benefits or sponsor foreigners for citizenship.

Because this right is articulated in the 14th Amendment, change can occur only through a constitutional amendment. Regardless, a few lawmakers have introduced bills that would require at least one parent to be an American citizen or national, or a lawful permanent resident, but messily entwined in the immigration debate, the measures have failed. The advent of the birthtourism industry, however, shows change is needed.

No charges were filed last week, but agents collected evidence that may lead to prosecution. It's tough to go after pregnant women and new mothers, but as for the companies that exploit them, unleash the hounds. U.S. citizenship is too precious to be distributed to people whose sole connection to the country is time spent in a crib.

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Honor previous work on Samoan Housing site

By MICHAEL A. FLEMING

Editor's Note: The following statement was submitted by the author on March 9, 2015, at the public hearing held by the Division of Coastal Resources Management board at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center on the archaeological dig that Best Sunshine Int'l Ltd. will do in Garapan. This statement provides general information about the significant prehistoric site (SP-1-0762), which was the subject of previous archaeological investigations from 1996 to 1999. This site is located within the former Samoan Housing area.

ood evening! I am Michael A. Fleming, principal investigator for Swift and Harper Archaeological Resource Consulting, better known as SHARC. My goal is to provide a brief history of Site SP-1-0762 that is now being considered for development by Best Sunshine and to bring attention to a culturally important issue that requires immediate resolution.

Background

It has come to our attention that a major siting development together with ongoing archaeological investigations are being planned and conducted at Site SP-1-0762. This area is the former Samoan Housing and Nakamoto Development property located in Garapan, Saipan. This culturally important site is a prehistoric Latte Period to Spanish Contact Period village containing human remains, archaeological features, and various artifacts. Features include earth ovens, shell refuse pits, and postholes for former structures of both wood pole or latte stone construction.

Artifacts included plainware (Latte Period) pottery, shell tools (fish hooks, adze) and ornaments (beads), groundstone materials, sling stones, basalt pounders, charcoal, and marine shell. Spanish artifacts were also recovered including musket and cannon balls. While gastropods, including the popular *Strombus dogas* shell, dominate the shell assemblage, bivalves are also present. The investigations also uncovered a prehistoric layer of burned, charcoal-rich soil containing plainware pottery and artifacts in an area measuring c. 15 m by 10 m (150 square meters). The historic record reports that, during the Contact Period, many villages were burned (circa late 1600s) in retaliation for resistance to Spain's missionary efforts. This burned deposit remains in place and is extremely significant for its potential to portray an event, important both locally and regionally, that made a contribution to the broad pattern of the history of Saipan and the Mariana Islands.

This culturally sensitive property was intensively investigated by SHARC between the years 1996 and 1999. To date, this is the largest and most intensive archaeological investigation ever conducted in the CNMI. During our investigations, approximately 95 percent of the proposed hotel footprint was cleared of archaeological ma-

terials. More than 260 human remains and 50 archaeological features were treated according to the HPO stipulations by SHARC. It is important to emphasize that, while a large number of burials were excavated from this site, a great probability exists that an equal number or more burials may still exist outside the building footprint. The large number of burials and remaining intact deposits at this site contribute to make this one of the most significant archaeological sites in the CNMI. The condition of the burials and the recovery of a larger than usual amount of slingstones suggests that the village may have been occupied prior to and during the time of the Spanish-Chamorro wars, circa AD 1684. Poignant discoveries included a high number of child burials. A probable cause for the high rate of child mortality may have been contagious diseases. In the historical records, these are referred to as ship's sickness (alluding to disease spread by the Spanish galleons). Additionally, and unique to our understanding of ancient Chamorro practices, several burials were blanketed with hundreds of sling stones. These lines of evidence suggest that the time frame extends earlier for site occupation. Consequently, it will be necessary to obtain specific dates through radiocarbon dating. Site SP-1-0762 continues to provide a unique and significant glimpse into the past life ways of the Chamorro people. In addition to the investigation within the proposed building footprint, a systematic excavation of backhoe trenches over the entire project area was conducted by SHARC.

It may be noted that, during the excavation of the site by SHARC, we encouraged and accommodated visitors including the man'amko and students from both the public and private school systems. In 1999 alone, we had over 600 school students from both PSS and the college visit the site while excavations were ongoing. Poignantly, the man'amko visited the site and were gratified to find that the human remains were their ancestors—at the time it was believed that the area only contained Japanese WWII remains. Finally, SHARC employed local, post-high school, youths from Saipan to provide them with an intensive archaeological experience in scientific procedure and methods for the proper and respectful recording of both the human remains and associated features and artifacts. They excelled in their work and felt that it was a way for their ancestors to still teach them of their prehistoric past. Several members went on to gainful employment at the Historic Preservation Office, others joined the private sector as respected and members of the workforce and community, and others continued to work with SHARC.

Unfortunately in 1999, Mr. Nakamoto was unable to secure investors for his project and he was forced to abandon the island and his responsibilities for the archaeological investigation. At that time, SHARC was able to secure the funding that covered the fieldwork

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Eight verbs

ince Saipan is a linguistic crossroads, it's the perfect venue to air a rough idea I've got on the language front. It's an old idea, one that got rolling when I worked for the merchant fleet. In those seafaring days, I worked with about a dozen languages and nationalities that emanated from Asia, Oceania, the Americas, and Europe. I wanted to craft a way to learn some basic survival-level skills in several languages. Being at sea, with limited resources, was a better way to outline the situation than to solve it, so it's still more of a theory than a proven approach. Anyway, I settled on this idea for getting an entry point in a new language: Focus on eight basic verbs.

Hey, I'm a verb guy. Verbs are the engines of language. So, if we have to start somewhere, why not there? My eight-verb notion is just that, a starting point, something as minimalist and simple as possible.

Let me mention the verbs first, so we can get them out of the way: to be, to have, to go, to know, to speak, to like, to want, and to understand.

That's not an arbitrary list. It comes from notes I took as I tried to get some ability with a variety of languages my shipmates spoke. Now, I don't mean the ability to discuss Shakespeare or to contemplate the differences between classical physics and quantum theory. I mean the ability to have some rudimentary level of communications. And, in this context, these were the English verbs that were most essential, though they don't always cross over neatly into foreign equivalents.

Of course, as great as verbs are, there are other types of words and elements that have to go along with them. I'm not ignoring that fact,

but there's no need to dwell on it, either.

As for verbs, they can be really tricky things. But at the level of field expedience, much of the complexity can be avoided by paring things down to the most useful elements.

For example, instead of getting a headache over things like every possible form of conjugation and tenses, I'll note that being able to say "I don't understand" is more useful than being able to say "They weren't going to be able to understand us."

Likewise, being able to reliably say an inelegant "I go to helicopter" is more important than trying, but failing, to memorize things like "I will be going to the helicopter," "I went to the helicopter," or "I'm going to the helicopter."

In other words, getting the most useful juice out of a verb doesn't mean that we have to get all the juice out of it. Textbooks take a comprehensive view of things, but in the field we can pick and choose the stuff that gives us the most bang for the buck. Sometimes, good enough is, well, good enough, especially if you've got other things to think about.

Even in my simple, Tarzan approach, I have to acknowledge that there can be distinctions between polite and familiar forms in verbs, and in salutations, and in how you address people.

In some languages I've nibbled at, the utter complexity of how you address someone can vary by, for example, if they are older than you, younger than you, the same age as you, and it can all vary by gender, social status, and so on. Egads, this can be complicated, and in more than one case, native speakers have given me different opinions on what's right and not right for this stuff. But, for any

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given language, merely knowing that this situation exists is a step in the right direction, so notes can be compiled in advance, instead of in the field.

The field is the place to employ this stuff, but I don't think it's a good place to initially study it. For example, my colleagues at sea were always well-meaning, but many of the expressions I learned were a bit unpolished for shore-based use. It was sort of like learning English at a level where I'd call everyone "Dude." Oh, wait, that is my level. Well, you get the point anyway.

My eight-verb idea certainly isn't perfect, and it might not even be very good; I haven't been able to test fly it in enough languages to draw any conclusions. But in a couple of cases it has been useful enough to keep refining.

Of course, in the final analysis, when it comes to communications, attitude is a lot more important than academic ability. Me, I don't talk to textbooks. I talk to people.

Progress vs marginalization

of the leadership of Palau in guarding the shores of the republic in the interest of future generations.

But contrary to recent news reports, a lot of their own had to leave Koror recently in view of the influx of Chinese visi-

tors and investors. The Chinese have more money and so the de-

mand for space rental went up, displacing Palauan businessmen

who once occupied the place.

In the process most had to relocate to nearby Airai or seek housing in inner Babeldaob, given that Koror is now the new business

center for investors from China.

The price of basic goods have also gone up while "the celebrated minimum wage signed into law in 2013 with a guaranteed \$3.50 per hour pay rate by year 2016" can no longer sustain the livelihoods of Palauans.

The influx of new residents may have benefited those with land and office space but leaves hourly wage earners slugging it out from paycheck to paycheck in prayerful hope that something would break for the better.

The accumulated wealth or growth looks good at face value and may be cause of celebration. But I find this so-called "progress" equally troubling if its advance becomes the very tool of displacement or marginalization of a majority of our Palauan brothers and sisters

Here at home we're bracing for life with glitz and glamour on the fast lane. We shall see what the warped visionaries had in mind in about several years in terms of the future of our young people. Is it casino? Is a bigger casino better? Wasn't there the shutter of four big ones in New Hampshire and New Jersey built around "bigger" as the line, hook, and sinker?

Recent news report has it that nearly 40,000 of our people are on Medicaid plus 15,000 are NAP recipients, discounting housing assistance. These setbacks are very troubling born or triggered by the lack of economic prosperity, therefore opportunities.

Indeed, we could boast having the largest casino outside of Macau, Singapore, South Korea, and Manila. But is this the future of our children the brainchild of half-cocked policymakers? We need not go further than Belau to see the negativity of a huge influx of people from without.

NMI self-government

It's appalling the lack of historical perspective on the legal nature and substance of the Covenant Agreement. It was approved by the U.S. Congress in 1975 and subsequently signed into U.S. Public Law 94-241. In short, any changes would require congressional action, especially mutual consent provisions.

Section 101 is in plain simple English that says our relationship with the feds places these isles "under the sovereignty of the U.S." Section 102 further says that the Agreement is the "supreme

here isn't a scintilla of doubt in my mind of the strength of the leadership of Palau in guarding the shores of the republic in the interest of future generations.

law" of the NMI. Section 805 relates to land alienation or what's otherwise known locally as Article 12. Some sense of perception of history is in short supply!

I've gone soul-searching trying to understand what's in the Agreement that prompts the planned establishment of another political status commission. Haven't we exercised our rights to self-determination? Didn't we approve it by 78-plus percent? What substantive provisions were violated by the feds? Could you could articulate it?

Indeed, under the Agreement the U.S. is obligated to "provide for a higher standard of living" for our people. It accomplished this by providing seven years of guaranteed funding for the emplacement of basic infrastructure to aid in fostering economic prosperity. In the mid-'80s we hit the boom years. We had tons of money but failed to save some for that rainy day. The rainy day is here. Our government is literally bankrupt or broke. Whose fault is this?

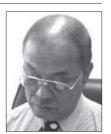
The economy has stagnated for the last decade. You were and still are standing there chewing your nails. Where did you miss the boat, employing the power of ideas to improve life in paradise? Is your inadequacy the fault of the federal government? Is this why the pouting expression, "Time out?"

People, scapegoats have all gone home and aren't coming back.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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When they cleared the field we find ourselves standing alone pondering in obvious disorientation how grandly we screwed things up in, yes, self-government! Can't even balance our books! Is this the indigenous definition of self-government? Gee! I didn't know I've missed something in grand fashion too!

Our frustrations with economic stagnancy are self-inflicted. We now must deal with federal laws and major regulations fabricated under what's known as the "administrative state." Did we ever lift a finger on this score? Or did we sleepwalk it again just to look superficially relevant and intelligent? Yes, intelligently and fiscally bankrupt!

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only. Funding for the laboratory analyses of the artifacts, specialist's costs (i.e. osteological, radiocarbon, wood identification, faunal, etc.) as well as all required reports was not given to SHARC. In the 15 years that have elapsed since Mr. Nakamoto abandoned the project, we have met with the HPO numerous times when potential investors or local projects were proposed for this project area. In all of these meetings the HPO assured us that the first condition for any developer would be to have the condition that the previous archaeological materials (i.e. human remains, artifacts, and botanical and other samples) would be analyzed, drafting of all pertinent maps, and the completion of all required reports.

Although costly, the benefit to the developer would be an area that had previously been cleared of any cultural findings. Construction in these archaeologically-cleared areas would mean no hindrance to construction time and expenses. Given the cultural richness of the site, this saves the developer much time and expense.

Resolution

SHARC has now stored all of the artifacts, samples, and a portion of the human remains in our lab for 15 years. We were surprised that, with this new project now commenced, Best Sunshine has not formally approached SHARC in an attempt to complete this previ-

ous critical work.

No mention of the obligation to SHARC has been forthcoming to date. SHARC has been, and is, poised to start the various archaeological tasks necessary to complete this vital contribution to both the historic and prehistoric past of the Northern Mariana Islands. We have a team of professional specialists on standby as well to help us in this endeavor.

In lieu of the above importance of this site, we respectfully request consideration and a resolution to this pertinent issue. Specifically: Due to the copious amount of sensitive information pertaining to the history of the Chamorro people of the CNMI that our excavations at Site SP-1-0762 revealed, it is imperative that Best Sunshine honor the ancestral heritage and previous work conducted by SHARC. We humbly request that Best Sunshine agree to pay for the analyses and report production to SHARC. This is of utmost necessity and undoubtedly in the best interest of Historic Preservation! We request a clear understanding on the treatment of the previous materials and reporting in regards to the project proposed by Best Sunshine on this property.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter. We look forward to a speedy resolution to this critical and culturally sensitive issue.

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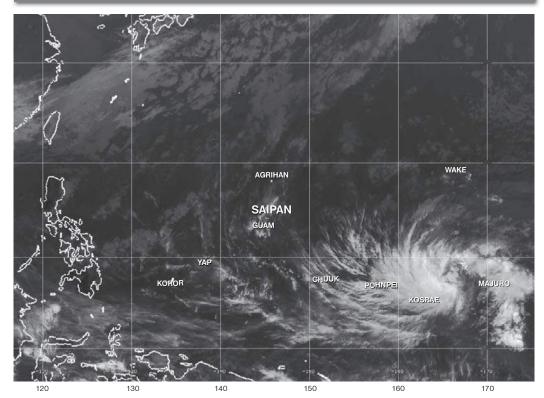
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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Storm Bavi (03W) is centered 150 miles southwest of Kwajalein near 7N166E with maximum sustained winds of 40 mph and moving west at 8 mph. Scattered to numerous heavy showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring over the Marshall Islands and Kosrae state between the equator and 11N from 161E to 178E. For more information on TS Bavi, refer to warnings issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A cold front extends southwestward from northwest of Minami Tori Shima to 25N150E to north of Agrihan near 21N147E then continues as a shear line to beyond 130E at 11N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are seen along and up to 200 miles northwest

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia					
Guam And Rota	Mostly Cloudy	≜ 83	▼76		
Palau	Cloudy	▲ 86	▼ 76		
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲ 84	₩77		
Chuuk	Mostly Cloudy	≜ 85	▼ 79		
Pohnpei	Mostly Cloudy	<u></u> 88 <u></u>	▼ 79		
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 78		
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲ 84	▼ 79		
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Kosrae	Inunderstorms	8 4	₩ 78
Majuro	ajuro Thunderstorms		▼ 79
Ar	ound the Glob	е	
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲ 79	▼ 61
Beijing	Sunny	▲ 58	₹26
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲ 50	▼ 63
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	≜ 80	▼ 62
London	Mostly Sunny	▲ 55	₹45
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 87	▼ 63
Manila	Partly Cloudy	≜ 88	₹71
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71	₩ 47
Miami	Partly Cloudy	≜ 83	₹72
New York	Sunny	4 9	₹33
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲ 57	₩44
Paris	Sunny	▲ 59	▼ 36
Pusan	Showers	▲ 58	▼31
Rome	Sunny	▲ 59	₹42
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲ 68	₩44
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲ 70	₹52
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	4 9	₹28
Tokyo	Sunny	▲ 57	₹39
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲ 59	₹33



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- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

Tides					
Saipan Harbo	r				
2:02 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet		
7:22 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet		
12:55 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet		
8:24 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet		

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Saturday	6	:26 AM	6:27 PM
Sunday	6	:26 AM	6:28 PM
Monday	6	:25 AM	6:28 PM
Tuesday	6	:24 AM	6:28 PM

	Moonrise/Moonse	•
Today		11:28A M
Saturday	12:37 AM	12:21 PM
Sunday	1:31 AM	1:17 AM
Monday	2:26 AM	2:15 PM
Tuesday	3:20 AM	3:16 PM

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UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039 1:0
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038 1:1
UA5038 UA5040	3:10pm 6:55pm	4:00pm 7:45pm	2, 4 1, 5	UA5077 1:5 UA5041 5:3
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077 7:1
	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043 9:2
SAIPAN-RO	TA (RO	P)		GUAM (GUM)-F
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UA5039	3:25pm	4:00pm	6, 7	UA5038 2:0
SAIPAN-PAI	•			PALAU (ROR)-
DL287	6:05am	1:10am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298 4:3
SAIPAN-NA	•	· ·		NARITA (NRT)-
DL287 DL297	6:05am 4:20pm	8:40am 7:05pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Daily	DL298 10:2 DL288 8:5
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OZ606	2:10am	6:00am	1	OZ603 9:0
OZ606	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C 3402 10:1
OZ6063 OZ604	3:20am 3:20pm	7:10am 7:10pm	3, 4, 6, 7 Daily	OZ605 7:4 OZ605 8:1
7C 3401	4:30pm	8:20pm	Daily	OZ6053 8:5
SAIPAN-BU	SAN (PI	JS)		BUSAN (PUS)-
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607 9:0
SAIPAN-SHA	ANGHA	I (PVG)		SHANGHAI (PV
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647 10:3
SAIPAN-BE		•		BEIJING (PEK)
MU764	1:30am	5:30am	1, 4, 5, 7	MU763 4:3
SAIPAN-GU		, ,		GUANGZHOU (
3U8646	4:30am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645 7:5
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UA5070/191	4:15am	7:20am	2, 7 via GUM	PR110/UA5043 7:3
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OZ606/723	2:10am	12:50pm	1 via ICN
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UA5070/179	4:15am	10:35pm	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:00am	10:35pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	10:35pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:20pm	10:35pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:20pm	10:30pm	Daily via ICN

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DL298	4:35am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT
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DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
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OZ603	9:00am	2:20pm	Daily
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OZ605	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
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OZ6053	8:50pm	2:10am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
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OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
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3U8647	10:30pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
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LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; 7C: Jeju AirETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

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10% of revenue collected

Same day event.....

ANOTHER WINNER

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The Commonwealth Cancer Association's Scratch, Win and Fight Cancer fundraiser has another winner, Lavina Deleon Guerrero, who won \$500. The Scratch, Win and Fight Cancer tickets will continue to be sold through April 12, 2015, at all Joeten stores and Ace Hardware stores in Gualo Rai, Susupe, and San Vicente. From left, Clarence Tenorio, vice president, JC Tenorio Enterprises; Darlene P. Macaranas, market manager; Juan L. Babauta, CCA program manager; Lavina Deleon Guerrero, winner; Bo Palacios, vice president, CCA board of directors; and Jose Tenorio, market manager.

Tropical storm seen to turn into typhoon

Tropical Storm Bavi is still moving through the Marshall Islands, based on the latest data from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam.

Right now, no watches or warnings are in effect in the Marianas, according to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

At 1pm yesterday, Tropical Storm Bavi was near latitude 7.3 north and longitude 166.1 east-about 1,510 miles eastsoutheast of Guam.

Maximum sustained winds remain at 40 mph. The tropical storm is forecast to gradually intensify and could become a typhoon over the weekend.

The tropical storm was moving west at 8 mph. Bavi is expected to turn toward the westnorthwest and approach the southern Mariana Islands by Sunday or Monday

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management is advising the public and residents of the Marianas to stay informed on this developing weather situation. Keep abreast of the latest forecasts and listen for any further statements from the National Weather Service and CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

The agency will be monitoring the movement of Bavi and will be issuing bulletins as they become available. Official bulletins will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call the CNMI EOC Dispatch Center at 237-8000 or 211, and for the Northern Islands to contact CNMI EOC Dispatch Center at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. (HSEM)



Procurement And Supply CNMI Government



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS RFP NO.: RFP15-BECQ/DCRM-055

SUBMISSION: APRIL 08, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M

"TO PERFORM HUMAN RESOURCES DESK AUDITS FOR THE DIVISION OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT"

The Scope of Work will be available at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base Drive Saipan during regular working hours.

A pre-proposal meeting will be conducted on March 25, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., local time at the Bureau of Environmental Quality Office Conference Room. Questions for this project must be submitted in writing no later than the close of business, March 27, 2015 to Ms. Fran Castro, DCRM Director by facsimile to (670) 664-8318 or by email to francastro@crm.gov.mp. The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the CNMI. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI

/s/ FRANK M. RABAULIMAN Administrator of BECQ

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN Director, P&S



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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE **DCRM AGENCY OFFICIALS**

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Governor Ralph DLG. Torres through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a DCRM Agency Officials Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015, at 10:00 AM at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room, Suite 205, Gualo Rai Center, Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

- PRELIMINARY MATTERS a) Call to Order b) Roll Call
- II. PERMIT APPLICATION
 - A. Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC
 - · Archaeological Recovery
 - (CRM Permit No.SMS-2015-X-006)
- Department of Public Works
 - Tinian Municipal Transfer Station (TMS-2014-X-058)
- Saipan International Real Estate Development Corp.,Ltd.
 - Ocean Vista Resort (SMS-2015-X-010)
- III. OTHER MATTERS
- IV. ADJOURNMENT





All proceeds will be donated to Saipan Little League For more information or for Registration Forms, please contact Charlene Babauta at charlene.babauta@gmail.com or Roquita Norita at kitnorita@gmail.com

All interested to partake in the race competition, please contact carlos_rivera@ceturyhotel-spn.com or lito.parulan@marianaresort.com

Mariana Resort & Spa

HANMI 3rd Annual Go-Kart Race Competition

1st place - \$2,000 • 2nd place - \$1000 • 3rd place - \$500

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

BECQ office closure

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality will be closed on Friday, March 13, 2015, due to a full-day employ-

ee professional development training. Normal operations will resume on Monday, March 16, 2015. If you have an emergency or require immediate assistance,

Friday March 27 | World Resort | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

call 664-8500 for DEQ and 664-8300 for DCRM. (BECQ)

Deadline to order graduation accessories

This is to inform all parents of seniors (12th grade) at Marianas High School that the last day to

place an order for graduation accessories and partial payment is March 23, 2015. Please be advised that orders will not be accepted after the deadline. Graduation accessories are purchased off island. Please call 237-3206/3205 for more information. (MHS)

CCA board meeting on March 17

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes

reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at cca@ccamarianas.org or ccamarianas@gmail.com.

The Survivor's and Caregiver's Support Group Meeting will be held on March 19, 2015, at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. *(PR)*

Grotto dive site closed temporarily

Effective March 8, 2015, the Department of Public Safety's Boating Safety Section has closed the Grotto dive site for the time being due to rough waters and strong current. It is advised that all visitors to the Grotto obey the signage posted and avoid going down into the site. The Department of Public Safety will make another announcement when the current lessens and the site is safe again. (DPS)

Air Force, Navy training at FDM, Warning Area 517

The U.S. Air Force will conduct training at the island of Farallon de Medinilla on March 13, from 10am to 4:30pm and 6:30-11:55pm. The general public especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators are advised to stay clear from the area during the dates and times indicated. (*PR*)





Rota again cited as StormReady, TsunamiReady

National Weather Service officials have informed Rota Mayor Efraim M. Atalig that as of March 11, 2015, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has once again recognized Rota as both StormReady and TsunamiReady. Rota was first recognized as attaining the demanding requirements of the two programs on March 11, 2009.

The TsunamiReady and StormReady programs allow communities to critically as-

NMC to offer certificate program in casino management

To meet workforce needs that are associated with the planned casino development in the CNMI, the Northern Marianas College is quickly taking steps toward introducing a new academic program in casino management.

According to the college, its Business Department is working with the College of Southern Nevada through a partnership made possible by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education to launch its first Certificate of Achievement in Casino Management.

"This is just one of the many ways that the college is working to meet local workforce needs," said NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart. "We plan to roll out other programs soon to expand training opportunities for residents."

"Students who earn credits through this certificate program can transfer their credits to other accredited institutions that already offer an associate degree in casino management, including the College of South Nevada," said Chavel Green, NMC Business Department chairperson. "Of course, college transfer credits are determined by the receiving institution."

"We are also excited at the possibility of having one of the faculty, with the approval from the department chair from the College of Southern Nevada, visit the island and offer his over 10 years of expertise in casino and gaming," Green added.

The college, with key personnel on Tinian and Rota, will carry out a needs assessment regarding ways that it can work together to leverage resources; provide courses online, onsite (Saipan), and credit and noncredit courses/training.

As a WICHE member, NMC has access to other members when looking at developing programs and courses that are not currently being offered at the institution. The resources available to us as a WICHE member are invaluable. (NMC)

sess their ability to deal with the threats of tsunamis, typhoons, and other forms of severe weather and ocean hazards. Rota exceeded the long list of program requirements it had to meet. The island leadership demonstrated that it can respond to all of the natural hazards in a timely and systematic manner, and can adequately ensure the safety of its citizens and visitors.

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The MYPros board organizes, drives membership

Out of tremendous concern for the future of the CNMI, the Marianas Young Professionals, aptly named "MYPros," was recently organized as a non-profit organization by a team of young leaders.

"The founders of our organization represent such a broad range of professionals across the CNMI," said Bo Palacios, MYPros president. "It was important to all of us that our group be formed independently and organically so that we can represent the interests of our young people and not a specific interest group.'

In addition to Palacios, the founding MYPros board in-

Xerox sales executive; treasurer Nikki Villagomez, CUC watershed engineer; secretary Jacqueline Che, NMC director for Institutional Effectiveness; director Rep. Angel Demapan, CNMI House of Representatives; director Matt Deleon Guerrero, Lt. Governor's chief

clude vice president Nola Hix, of staff, and director Kaitlyn and non-profit sectors," Hix said. Neises-Mocanu, REACH project assistant at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Division of Public Health Services.

> The mission of MYPros is to connect passionate, young professionals with opportunities to grow and engage socially, professionally, and civically for the benefit of the Commonwealth.

"Part of our goals is to find symbiosis between young professionals in different industries across the private, government,

Demapan adds: "We are embarking upon a transition point here in the CNMI. Just look at our elected leaders for example. We have a lieutenant governor who is under 40. Seven members of the Legislature are also under 40. The time of the young professional is here."

MYPros invites motivated, driven individuals within the ages of 20 to 40 to register for membership by visiting its website, www. MYPros.org. (MYPros)

Delta updates its 2015 SkyMiles program

>> Airline to offer one-way awards beginning as low as 10,000 miles (plus taxes and fees)

Delta Air Lines is updating the SkyMiles program with several changes to improve the program as members earn status and redeem miles for award tickets. Beginning today, SkyMiles members will have access to a number of program improvements, including lower one-way awards and improved tools for Delta customers to book award travel.

We continue to adjust the SkyMiles program to give members more value and options, including making it easier to redeem more award travel at lower prices," said Karen Zachary, managing director, SkyMiles. "Delta is committed to providing industry-leading operational performance and on-board product and services, while remaining innovative in meeting our customers' needs."

Details of the changes to Delta's SkyMiles program include:

■ New one-way award tickets beginning as low as 10,000 miles plus taxes and fees, available through Dec. 31, 2015, for travel in select U.S., Mexican, and Caribbean markets. Customers can now fly to several popular award destinations with a 21-day minimum advance purchase.

■ Improved award redemption by expanding the number of airline partners that Sky-Miles members can select to redeem for award travel on delta.com. Delta recently updated the Fly Delta app to give customers the ability to book award travel from mobile devices. Since January, Delta has offered customers the ability to book SkyMiles award travel through the Fly Delta app.

Additionally, this month, Delta launched refreshed cabin experiences with its Delta One, First Class, Delta Comfort+ and Main Cabin products. As part of these changes, SkyMiles Diamond Medallion members are now among the first to board the aircraft along with Delta One/ First Class customers. Diamond and Platinum Medallion members also enjoy complimentary upgrade eligibility to First Class as well as complimentary access to Delta Comfort+ seats at the time of booking. Gold and Silver Medallion members continue to enjoy complimentary upgrade eligibility to First Class and will now enjoy complimentary access to Delta Comfort+ seats starting 72 hours and 24 hours prior to departure. (Delta)



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- **B.** *Nature of hearing*. This hearing shall be open to the public. Oral or written statements will be received from anyone wishing to testify thereat, which statement will be incorporated into the records of the hearing.
- **C. Further information.** For further information, please contact CDA at the above telephone numbers or visit its offices at the CDA Building in San Jose, Saipan.

/s/ Manuel A. Sablan Executive Director

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Blue Dreams joins Saipan music scene

Saipan welcomes the newest addition to its vibrant music scene, the exciting jazz and rock band ensemble called Blue Dreams.

Blue Dreams consists of local talents Azzy Aguirre on vocals, Victor Cabrera on guitar, Scottie Guerrero on guitar, Christopher Jones on bass, and Joel Flores on percussion.

Azzy Aguirre and Victor Cabrera (vocals and guitars) are students at Northern Marianas College and have a background in rock, reggae, and jazz music and have played in bands here on Saipan.

Scottie Guerrero, known as the "King of Saipan," has played in several bands on Saipan since the age of 6 and is the No. 1 first call guitar soloists! Scottie is also known for his virtuoso scale fingering and stage antics.

Joel Flores is also a rare percussion talent from Saipan and has been in bands and done session work since he was just 6. Joel has previous session work with the James Browner band in Papau New Guinea. The James Browner band was a James Brown cover band. Joel has attained the "first call" preference for drummers on Saipan.

Christopher Jones is the band's founder and has an extensive international touring experience in Korea, Northern Europe, California, and Texas. He also has three CDs out and has done session work for TV commercials and bands in Texas and

L.A. His latest CD, *Audition Codices*, which is found under the band name "Genetic Drift," can be purchased on the "CD Baby" website.

Blue Dreams' set list includes Seal, Michael Jackson, Journey, Steve Miller Band, Oasis, Beatles, Steppenwolf, Sade and some original tunes,

to name a few.

Blue Dreams will be performing at the Northern Marianas College Charter Day on Friday, March 20, 2015, from 5:45pm to 6:30pm.

The band will debut at Jonny's Bar this Friday, March 13, 2015, during the first set break at 11pm. (*PR*)





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Request for Proposals RFP15-JUDICIARY-01 Print Edition of the 2015 Commonwealth Code

The Commonwealth Law Revision Commission ("LRC") is soliciting sealed proposals for a print edition of the Commonwealth Code. The Code will contain statutes of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, current through June 30, 2015.

Firms or individuals submitting proposals must be in compliance with applicable local and federal laws and regulations, including minimum wage requirements.

Proposal procedures shall comply with CNMI Procurement Regulations (NMIAC Title 70, Subchapter 30.3).

The proposal package will be available on **March 5, 2015,** at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan, or by request faxed to (670) 236-9702 or emailed to juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp.

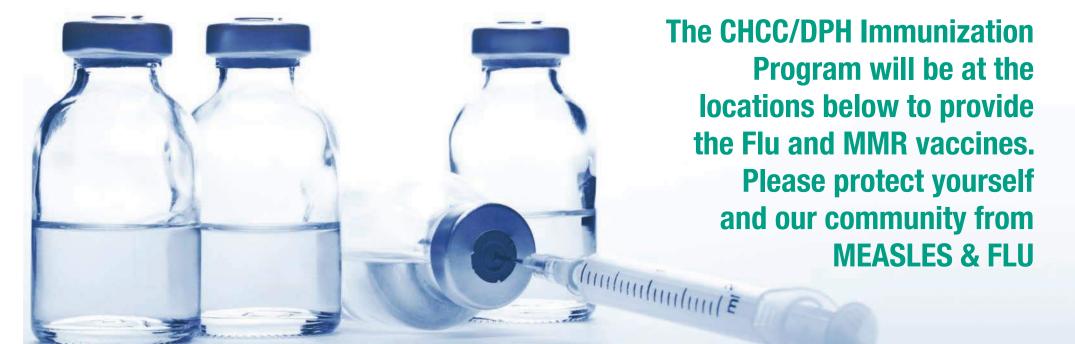
A pre-proposal meeting will be held on **March 31, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.**, local time at the Guma Husistia Law Revision Commission Offices. Any questions or inquiries shall be directed to Mr. Michael Stanker, Executive Director, via email: michael.stanker@justice.gov.mp and shall only be answered at the mandatory preproposal meeting.

Sealed proposals must be marked **RFP15-JUDICIARY-01** and submitted in one (1) original and three (3) copies at the Cashier's Window, Guma Hustisia, Saipan no later than **April 3, 2015, local time, 10:00 a.m.** Firms or individuals submitting proposals from outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose to the Budget and Finance Director no later than **10:00 a.m., local time, April 3, 2015.** Notices of Intent may be faxed to (670) 236-9702 or emailed to juandiego.tenorio@justice.gov.mp. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one (1) original and three (3) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **April 3, 2015,** AND the proposal must be received at the Office of the Budget and Finance Director no later than **April 10, 2015, close of business.**

The CNMI Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or portions thereof, and waive immaterial defects if to do so would be in the best interest of the CNMI Government. All proposals received shall become the property of the CNMI Government and will not be returned to the proposer.

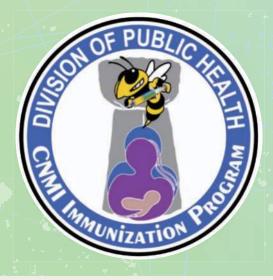
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Business

The euro's tumbling—here's why

notching one milestone after another as it drops against major currencies. On Wednesday. it hit a 12-year low against the dollar and many think its descent has further to go.

The fall in Europe's single currency has been dramatic—25 percent since May, when it traded just shy of \$1.40. Back then, companies across Europe openly fretted about the strength of the euro and its impact on their exports.

Such concerns are now more likely to be heard out of the U.S. or Britain, which are seeing their currencies rebound against the euro. On Wednesday, the euro fell as low as \$1.0557, its weakest against the dollar since April 2003.

So what's prompted the euro's plunge?

EURO EXCESS

The main reason is the European Central Bank has not only cut interest rates but also started creating more euros to put into the financial system.

The ECB had been reluctant to do so for years, but in 2014 it changed course. As policymakers faced the prospect of minimal growth and falling prices, which can further weigh on an economy, it cut its main interest rate in September to 0.05 percent. The move hit the euro by reducing the potential returns on investments in the eurozone.

As that proved insufficient to turn the eurozone around, the ECB has started buying government bonds in the markets with newly-created money. The hope is that the

LONDON (AP)—The euro is 18-month 1.1 trillion-euro Treasury—the yield stands (\$1.12 trillion) monetary stimulus will shore up the economic recovery and get inflation back into the system.

> Whether or not the stimulus works, it will increase the number of euros in circulation, diluting their value.

> The stimulus should also keep a lid on the borrowing rates of most eurozone countries in the markets—the ECB's buying shores up the value of the bonds, thereby reducing the potential yield on those bonds. With the yields on European government bonds at historic lows and in some cases negative, the returns to investors are negligible at best, further weighing on the euro.

FED FACTOR

The euro has fallen against many currencies, but its drop has been particularly pronounced against the dollar.

That's because while the ECB's policies have been weakening the euro, the U.S. Federal Reserve's are bolstering the dollar.

As the American economy keeps growing and creating jobs, the Fed ended its own bond-buying stimulus program and says it is ready to soon start raising interest rates. Last week's stronger-than-expected jobs figures for February ratcheted up expectations that the first rate increase will take place in June.

For those looking for higher returns, holding U.S. assets has become a more enticing prospect. Just look at the returns available on holding the 10-year U.S.

at 2.14 percent against 0.18 percent for Germany's.

The dollar has been rising not only against the euro but a range of currencies. Against the Japanese currency, it was near 122 yen, the highest since 2007.

GREECE LIGHTNING

Concerns over a Greek exit from the euro have been an additional burden on the euro over the past few months.

The rise of a radical new government in Athens that wants to renegotiate a large part of the country's bailout terms has raised the prospect of a "Grexit."

Those tensions are likely to linger as Greece and the eurozone creditors will be stuck for weeks, if not months, on how to lighten the country's rescue loans.

STUNTED GROWTH

Many eurozone economies still have trouble growing, and that has discouraged some investors from putting their money in the currency bloc.

Relatively small economies like Portugal and Ireland are just emerging from bailout programs that required them to make huge budget cuts. Big economies like Italy, Spain and France are still focusing on reducing debt rather than spending.

At the very least, the economic outlook for the eurozone isn't rosy, and that's likely to require lower interest rates from the ECB than the Fed, for example, and that prospect has been another reason hurting the euro.

Nation

One Black Hawk crashed in fog, killing 11; Another turned back

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AP)—Searchers struggled Wednesday to find the seven Marines and four soldiers killed when a helicopter crashed, hampered by the same fog that plagued a nighttime training mission.

A second helicopter turned back safely shortly before the wreck, which left debris washing ashore along the Florida coast, officials said.

Military officials haven't said what caused the crash of the UH-60 Black Hawk, but the weather was bad enough for the other crew to return to land, said Maj. Gen. Glenn H. Curtis, adjutant general of the Louisiana National Guard.

The helicopter that crashed had a veteran crew from Hammond, Louisiana, that served multiple tours in Iraq and helped humanitarian missions after Gulf Coast hurricanes and the BP oil spill.

They were carrying unconventional warriors from the Marines Special Operations Command. Like the Army's





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Green Berets and the Navy's SEALs, they were highly trained to endure grueling conditions and sensitive assignments on land and at sea, from seizing ships to special reconnaissance missions and direct action inside hostile territory.

Tuesday night's training involved practicing "insertion and extraction missions," using small boats and helicopters to get troops into and out of a target site, said Capt. Barry Morris, spokesman for the Marine Corps Special Operations Command at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

Even the training can be dangerous.

"It has everything in it except for the bullets, so when they are actually training, it's like being in combat in a lot of ways," said Bruce Labrecque, the owner of the Mariners Inn in Hammond, Louisiana, near where the Guardsmen were based. The spot is popular for lunch for locals and military in the area.

President Barack Obama expressed his condolences to the families and said he's confident of a detailed and thorough investigation, said his spokesman, Josh Earnest.

Ferguson chief resigns in wake of scathing federal report

FERGUSON, Mo. (AP)— The police chief in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson resigned Wednesday in the wake of a scathing Justice Department report prompted by the fatal shooting of an unarmed black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

Calling Chief Thomas Jackson an "honorable man," Mayor James Knowles III announced the city had reached a mutual separation agreement that will pay Jackson one year of his nearly \$96,000 annual salary and health coverage.

Jackson's resignation becomes effective March 19, at which point Lt. Col. Al Eickhoff will become acting chief while the city searches for a replacement.

Jackson had previously resisted calls by protesters and some of Missouri's top elected leaders to step down over his handling of the fatal shooting of Michael Brown and the weeks of sometimesviolent protests that followed. He was widely criticized from the outset, both for an aggressive police response to protesters and for his agency's erratic and infrequent releases of key information.

He took nearly a week to publicly identify Officer Darren Wilson as the shooter and then further heightened tension in the community by releasing Wilson's name at the same time as store security video that police said showed Brown stealing a box of cigars and shoving a clerk only a short time before his death.

Jackson submitted a foursentence letter in which he said he was announcing his resignation with profound sadness. He told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that he felt it was time for the city to move on.

"I believe this is the appropriate thing to do at this time," Jackson said. "This city needs to move forward without any distractions."

During a 12-minute news conference, Knowles said Jackson resigned after "a lot of soul-searching" about how the community could heal from the racial unrest stemming from the fatal shooting last summer.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Fed approves dividend, buyback plans for US banks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve gave the green light Wednesday to major U.S. banks to raise dividends and buy back shares, deeming they have a sturdy enough financial foundation to withstand a major economic downturn. But the Fed gave Bank of America only conditional approval because of what were seen as weaknesses in its plans dealing \$19.99" a month. with risks and possible losses. The central bank also rejected plans by the U.S. divisions of two European banks, saying their planning for financial risks is inadequate. Those divisions belong to Germany's Deutsche Bank and Spain's Santander.

FTC sues DirecTV, alleges hidden fees and deceptive ads

WASHINGTON (AP)—The government is taking the nation's biggest satellite TV provider to court, accusing DirecTV of misleading millions of consumers about the cost of its programming. The Federal Trade Commission said Wednesday that its complaint charges DirecTV Inc. with deceptively advertising a discounted 12-month programming package. Consumers weren't clearly told that the package requires a two-year contract, the commission said. The

advertising, the FTC said, did not make clear that the cost of the package would increase by up to \$45 more per month in the second year and that hefty early cancellation fees-up to \$480—would apply. The allegations of deceptive advertising date back to 2007 and cover more recent marketing campaigns, such as one in late 2014 that offered the company's subscription service on a limited basis for "only

Business continues on Houston Ship Channel despite closure

LA PORTE, Texas (AP)—Goods are being unloaded and commerce traded along the Houston Ship Channel, even though part of the waterway remained closed Wednesday amid cleanup efforts following a collision that spilled a flammable chemical. About a 4-mile to 8-mile stretch of the ship channel is closed as crews deal with a gasoline additive that spilled after two 600-foot ships collided on Monday in foggy conditions. The closure means that ships in the Gulf of Mexico can't come into the ship channel and vessels that had been set to leave are also stuck. The U.S. Coast Guard has said the cleanup effort and salvage operation could take at least several days to complete.

ACROSS THE NATION

Vote for firing squad shows frustration with drug shortages

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A vote by Utah lawmakers to bring back executions by firing squad is the most dramatic illustration yet of the nationwide frustration over bungled executions and shortages of lethal-injection drugs. Utah and several other states are scrambling to modify their laws on the heels of a botched Oklahoma lethal injection last year and one in Arizona in which the condemned man took nearly two hours to die. Meanwhile, Texas executed a Mexican mafia hit man Wednesday evening with its second-to-last dosage of drugs. Utah Republican Gov. Gary Herbert has declined to say if he will sign the firing-squad bill, a decision that's not expected for a week or so.

15-year-old boy arrested in kidnapping caught on video

SPRAGUE, Wash. (AP)—A 15-year-old boy was arrested Wednesday in the short-lived kidnapping of a 22-month-old toddler that was caught on surveillance video in this small farming town in eastern Washington. The teenage boy, who lives in Sprague, was identified through the use of surveillance video, interviews and evidence collection, Lincoln County Sheriff Wade Magers said. The boy's identity was being withheld because he is a juvenile, Magers said. "Over the past 72 hours, deputies and detectives have worked relentlessly on this case," Magers said in a news release. Detectives started focusing on the teen in the 24 hours before the arrest, Magers said.

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Asia

Japan's tsunami recovery, 4 years on

TOKYO (AP)—Small clusters of survivors, bundled up against a chilly wind, gathered along Japan's northeast coast Wednesday to remember the nearly 19,000 lives lost in the March 11, 2011, tsunami. Four years later, the region is still struggling to recover.

Associated Press photographer Eugene Hoshiko returned to the devastated town of Rikuzentakata last week for the first time since the immediate aftermath of the disaster.

He found a vast emptiness. With the mind-boggling sea of debris cleared away, a massive public works project was underway to raise the low-lying, tsunami-flattened area by several meters (yards) before rebuilding on it. The rumble of passing dump trucks and long conveyor belts bringing in load after load of soil pierced the silence. On higher nearby ground, displaced residents waited in temporary housing.

A look at the devastation and the recovery:

BY THE NUMBERS

15,891 people confirmed dead,



In this March 11, 2011, file photo, an Earthquake-triggered tsunami sweeps the shores along Iwanuma in northern Japan.

6,152 injured and 2,584 still unaccounted for.

- Some 229,000 people, about half as many as initially, remain evacuated from their homes. About 90,000 live in temporary housing. Of the total, more than half come from areas affected by the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant meltdowns.
- About one-fifth of the 29,000 government housing units planned for completion by March 2016 are finished.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Tuesday pledged funding for a second five-year reconstruction period to start in April 2016. He didn't give a specific amount, but Japanese media speculation put it at 6 trillion yen (\$50 billion), less than a quarter of the current package. He said the government plans to compile a plan by the summer. Abe also vowed to expedite housing construction.

Rights group: big brands should fight Cambodian labor abuse

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP)—Leading clothing retailers such as Gap and H&M need to help alleviate labor abuses at factories in Cambodia that manufacture their products, a human rights organization said.

New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a report released Thursday that a special program to safeguard workers' interests instituted by the U.N.'s International Labor Organization is subject to evasion that leaves factory employees vulnerable to un-

healthy working conditions and unfair pay and benefits.

The 140-page report, "Work Faster or Get Out: Labor Rights Abuses in Cambodia's Garment Industry," said factors behind the problem include flaws in the ILO's oversight program and a failure by Cambodian officials to enforce existing labor laws and standards, partly due to corruption.

It said its report was based on interviews with more than 340 people, including 270 workers from 73 factories in Phnom

Penh and nearby provinces.

"The Cambodian government should take swift measures to reverse its terrible record of enforcing its labor laws and protect workers from abuse," Aruna Kashyap, a researcher at Human Rights Watch, said in a statement. "These global apparel brands are household names. They have a lot of leverage, and can and should do more to ensure their contracts with garment factories are not contributing to labor rights abuses."

ASIAN BRIEFS

Bomb blast in crowded market kills 3 in northeastern India

GAUHATI, India (AP)—A crude bomb exploded Wednesday in a crowded market in northeastern India, killing at least three people and injuring 15 others, police said. A police official in Imphal, the capital of Manipur state, said the blast occurred when the market was crowded with shoppers. It killed two tea sellers and the owner of a shop selling chicken, he said. The official spoke on condition of anonymity, citing office policy. More than two dozen rebel groups are active in the state. No group has claimed responsibility for the blast.

Parents of Thai ex-princess jailed for insulting monarchy

BANGKOK (AP)—The parents of the now-estranged wife of Thailand's crown prince were sentenced Wednesday to two and a half years in prison on charges of defaming the monarchy, in the latest legal action against relatives of the former princess, who until recently was in line to be the country's next queen. The well-publicized split of Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn and his third wife, former Princess Srirasmi, has been accompanied by a public shaming of a number of her family members, who have been accused of insulting the monarchy, a crime punishable by up to 15 years in prison. Those prosecuted for various offenses include a former senior police officer. The court found Srirasmi's parents, Wantanee Suwadee, 66, and Apiruj Suwadee, 72, had misused the crown prince's name during a dispute in 2003 with a neighbor who was then prosecuted on a bogus fraud charge.

US woman says her boyfriend killed her mother in Indonesia

BALI, Indonesia (AP)—An American woman charged with premeditated murder in the death of her mother on Indonesia's Bali island told a court Wednesday that her boyfriend killed her mother in anger after she threatened to kill their unborn baby. Heather Mack, 19, and her boyfriend Tommy Schaefer, 21, are being tried separately by Denpasar District Court. They are charged with murdering Sheila von Wiese-Mack last August at the St. Regis hotel on Bali and face possible death by firing squad if found guilty. Von Wiese-Mack's badly beaten body was found in a suitcase in the trunk of a taxi at the hotel.

World

Iraqi forces, militias sweep into Tikrit

BAGHDAD (AP)—Iraqi soldiers and allied Shiite militiamen swept into the Islamic State-held city of Tikrit on Wednesday, launching a twofront offensive to squeeze extremists out of Saddam Hussein's hometown in a major test of the troops' resolve.

Explosions and heavy gunfire echoed through Tikrit, a key way station for Iraqi forces trying to expel the militants who hold roughly a third of the country and neighboring Syria. The offensive also will serve as a major crucible for Iraqi forces, which collapsed under the extremists' initial offensive last year and now face streetby-street fighting in one of the Islamic State group's biggest strongholds.

Allied Iraqi forces first entered the city through its northern Qadisiyya neighborhood, according to video obtained by The Associated Press. Overhead, an attack helicopter fired missiles as soldiers and militiamen laid down heavy machine gunfire in the neighborhood's dusty streets as downtown Tikrit loomed in the distance, black smoke rising overhead.

Officials quickly established a supply line through the neighborhood to reinforce troops, Salahuddin police Brig. Kheyon Rasheed told the state-run Iraqiyya television. Authorities offered no immediate casualty figures, though Iran's state-run Press TV satellite channel reported that a

mortar attack wounded one of its cameramen there.

A local official in Iraq's Salahuddin province confirmed that Iraqi troops entered Qadisiyya and raised the Iraqi flag over Tikrit's general hospital. He spoke on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to brief journalists.

Later Wednesday, allied forces also swept into Tikrit from the south in a pincer movement to squeeze out militants, though some suggested many already fled in the face of the advance, codenamed "At your service, prophet of Allah."

"The terrorists are seizing the cars of civilians trying to leave the city and they are trying to make a getaway," Rasheed said.

Satellite images show Syria conflict leaves country in dark

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—Over the four years that researcher Xi Li has watched Syria's civil war unfold through nighttime satellite imagery, he has seen the pinpricks of light that dotted the north and east fade and the Mediterranean coast darken until 83 percent of the country's lights have gone out.

From a vantage point that few everyday people have seen, Li has produced a chilling measurement of a crisis that shows no sign of ending.

As the civil war moves into its fifth year, a global coalition of dozens of human rights and humanitarian groups released Li's analysis late Wednesday and demanded a comprehensive effort to get aid to millions of Syrians.

"Satellite data never tell lies," the Chinese-born Li, a visiting scholar at the University of Maryland's Department of Geographic Sciences, said in a phone call Wednesday. "The night images are very unbelievable. The Svrian people need help."

He has measured the levels of nighttime light across Syria since the conflict began in March 2011. His findings were published last year in the International Journal of Remote Sensing and came to the attention of the (hash) with Syria coalition after a friend who does similar work at Columbia University put them in touch.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. at the Mayor's Conference Room, 1st floor, in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

- PRELIMINARY
 - Call to Order
 Roll Call
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS ¹
 III. EXECUTIVE SESSION ²
 IV. NEW BUSINESS
 - spring 2015, Academic Year 2014-2015 Scholarship Applicants (continuation)
 - Start amendment on current policy (continuation)
 - 3. Disbursement schedule of spring 2015 recipients
 MISCELLANEOUS
 MATTER
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S/JULIAN U. HOFSCHNEIDER Chairman

¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

³ Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) CANCELLATION

Notice is hereby given that the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) has canceled the following Invitation for Bids (IFB): CPA-IFB-003-15, including any amendments, effective immediately. The IFB will be re-issued at a later date.

The reason for the cancellation is to allow CPA to gather sufficient documentation to be able to accurately determine the amount of trash to be collected and what type of equipment would be most beneficial in handling this trash.

Bidders who have already submitted bids will have their bids returned unopened or they can pick up their bid packages at Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, 2nd Floor, Arrival Building, Saipan International Airport, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any bid submitted will not be opened and no contract will be awarded under this current IFB.

A new, revised IFB will be issued once CPA has collected the relevant data. All bidders who received a bid set for this IFB will be notified. Additionally, a notice informing the public of the revised IFB will be issued.

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA Executive Director **22** FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Off The Wall

Dachshund goes from obese to svelte

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP)— Once a wanton wiener dog, Dennis went on a diet and is now a happy shadow of his former self after losing more than 75 percent of his body weight.

Less than two years ago, Dennis weighed in at a whopping 56 pounds—about the size of four or five miniature dachshunds, which is what he is. A series of "before" photos show Dennis resting on rolls of fat, his head seemingly too little for his blob of a body. He couldn't take more than a few steps without being out of breath.

Then Brooke Burton adopted him from a relative who had fed him White Castle burgers, pizza and other human food, and didn't pay much attention to the dog's burgeoning belly.

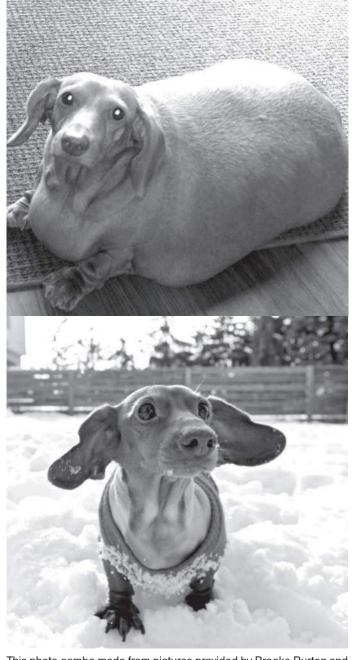
Burton, a 26-year-old nursing student, recalls how emotional she became when she first saw Dennis in June 2013, and then persuaded her relative to give him up.

"Out comes Dennis, and I couldn't believe it," Burton says. "I wasn't even sure what breed of dog he was supposed to be because he was so large."

Burton put him on diet of dry dog food, plus lots of walks and affection. Now the 6-year-old wiener dog is a svelte 12 pounds and happily chasing squirrels in the backyard, playing fetch and bossing around the other three rescue dogs that live with him.

"In the beginning, you could tell he was very depressed, that he really didn't feel good at all," Burton says. "He didn't have much of a personality. After he lost weight, this bossy little demanding man popped out. He's into everything, he wants to play with everybody."

Dennis lost so much weight that he started tripping over the folds of excess skin that were left over and getting



This photo combo made from pictures provided by Brooke Burton and the Columbus Dispatch shows Dennis the dachshund in June 2013, when he weighed 56 pounds, top; and on Feb 25, 2015, after losing more than 75 percent of his body weight and weighing in at 12 pounds, in Columbus, Ohio.

surgeries at the Ohio State University Veterinary Medical Center to get rid of it.

Dr. Kathleen Ham, the veterinary surgeon who performed the operations, says Dennis'

infections. He has had three story is a good lesson for pet owners who might feed their animals too much.

> "We have an expression: food is not love," Ham says. "Most of what your pet wants from you is affection and attention."

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Police: Woman got naked at Dunkin' **Donuts on a dare**

GREENACRES, Fla. (AP)—A 32-year-old woman told police in Florida she got naked and sat outside a Dunkin' Donuts as a dare. The Palm Beach Post reports Shakara Monik Martin was arrested Sunday in Greenacres near West Palm Beach. According to a police report, Martin told authorities the dare was part of a pledge to a dance troop, which wasn't identified. Witnesses told police Martin was offered clothes several times, but she refused to take them. She began apologizing when police arrived. She faces a charge of indecent exposure.

Man rolls in dog waste to try avoiding arrest; plan fails

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP)—Police say a Pennsylvania man dropped to the ground and rolled around in dog waste to avoid being arrested for public drunkenness, but he was taken into custody anyway. Police in Wilkes-Barre tell the Times Leader officers came upon 45-year-old Maurice Franklin early Monday night after he jumped into traffic. They believed he was under the influence of drugs or alcohol. They say he slurred his words

and at first claimed he was walking erratically to avoid stepping in the dog feces on the sidewalk. But when officers tried to arrest him, police say he lay down in the waste and told authorities they couldn't arrest him because he was covered in feces.

Indiana farmer saves freezing baby cow with hot tub swim

ROSSVILLE, Ind. (AP)—A central Indiana farmer jumped into a hot tub with a shivering baby cow to save the calf's life. Carroll County farmer Dean Gangwer tells WRTV-TV that he thinks one of his cows gave birth in the snow. He said he found the barely breathing newborn in a snowbank this week. The third-generation farmer says he decided the quickest way to warm up the calf, named Leroy, would be to use his hot tub. Gangwer says he "jumped in fully dressed and held Leroy up so he didn't drown." Gangwer then took the calf inside and wrapped him in electric blankets. Leroy is recovering and has started to nurse. Gangwer said Leroy is "done hot-tubbing" but "sunbathing is definitely in his future out in the grass."

Science & Technology

Apple reopens iTunes, App stores after lengthy outage

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)— Apple has restored service to its widely used iTunes and app stores after a rare breakdown Wednesday.

The outage vexed the iPhone and iPad maker for more than five hours, disrupting some of the world's most widely used and profitable services and frustrating millions of music lovers and mobile device owners around the world.

Access came back in the late afternoon, Eastern time, according to status updates posted by Apple Inc. While they were locked out, exasperated Apple users vented in social media and online forums.

Apple apologized for the inconvenience, blaming the problem on an internal error that bogged down its computer servers.

About 800 million accounts with credit cards linked to them have been set up on Apple's iTunes store since it opened in 2003 to sell digital music for the company's iPods.

More than 75 billion apps have been downloaded from the store that Apple opened in 2008 for the iPhone and, later, the iPad. Many of those apps charge a fee, or generate revenue from purchases of other services while people are using the program.

Apple's online book store and the app store for its Mac computers weren't working either.

Last year, Apple's revenue from its iTunes, mobile app store, iBook, Mac app stores and other services totaled \$18.5 billion, or an average of \$50 million per day. That's still a small fraction of Apple's total revenue of \$200 billion during that period.

The outages also cut into the income of mobile app developers who keep most of the revenue from the programs sold in the app store.

Amazon launches store for latest inventions

Early adopters, take note: Amazon.com has launched a store section called Amazon Exclusives that features new innovations from up-andcoming brands.

The Seattle e-commerce company said customers can shop for a "unique range" of electronics, toys, sporting equipment and other products in the store, which will showcase brands from new inventors and some of the products seen on the TV show "Shark Tank."

Many of the products featured on Amazon Exclusives have won innovation awards from industry associations, the company said.

Executives at businesses featured on Amazon Exclusives say it's a win for everybody because it gives their little-known products a huge exposure boost while helping customers find the latest products they otherwise might not have known about.

"From a business perspective, the new store is nirvana for a new brand, and the end result is Amazon's customers will have access sooner to cooler products," said Michael Hsu, chief financial officer at Irvine. Calif.-based Peri, which makes an iPhone battery case that doubles as a speaker.

TECH Q&A

A photo can be damaged, but not its thumbnail

By STEVE ALEXANDER STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I have photos that are perfect that I've stored on my computer, an external drive and flash drives. But when I view the photos, they have bands of gray, green, or brown covering at least half of the picture.

What causes this? Is there a way to restore the photos to their original appearance? I'm sending a sample photo with this email.—Linda Gonzalez, Metairie, La.

A: Unfortunately, the data file of your sample photo is corrupted and can't be fixed.

However, it's easy to see why you thought the photo was perfect. When I viewed a tiny "thumbnail" version of the photo in Windows Explorer, the entire picture was visible. But when I opened the photo in a viewing program, half of the picture was missing.

Why? The thumbnail image you see in Windows Explorer is typically a separate picture from the actual photo. Both are created when you take a picture with your camera, but if the photo is subsequently edited or corrupted, the thumbnail often isn't updated to reflect the changes. It still looks like the original photo.

In your case, I suspect the actual photo was corrupted by a flawed camera memory card, so I recommend buying a new card. If the problem occurs again with the new memory card, other potential causes are a flaw in a memory card reader or a malfunction in the

> camera's electronics. But don't immediately throw away the old memory card. Depending on how the

photo file was corrupted,

it may be possible to recover a previous, undamaged version of the photo that's hidden on the card. However, this won't work if the photo's storage space on the card has been overwritten by more recently taken photos. You can find out by running a file recovery program that works with flash memory devices, such as the free version of Recuva avail-

able at tinyurl.com/olbsadf. Q: Where can I find a comprehensive comparison of the Apple vs. Google Android devices? What are the most important factors?-Jerry Hartlaub, New Brighton, Minn.

A: There's no obvious cor-

rect choice between smartphones and tablet computers that use Apple's iOS operating system and those that use Google's Android. Most consumers buy based on personal preference or price.

You can find online reviews that take one side or the other, but some are so extreme that they remind me of the partisan Microsoft Windows PC vs. Apple Macintosh debate that raged for years. For a more evenhanded analysis, see tinyurl.com/nnugu2u for smartphones and tinyurl.com/4r56bof for tablet computers.

Here's a sample: The smartple has the better camera in most cases, but that Android has the better "voice assistant" for dictation. The tablet reviewers say that Apple has more apps available, while Android is available on a wider array of devices.

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015 **23**

Life & Style

Hyatt prepares an Irish spread for St. Patrick's Day

The Irish will soon be celebrating their national holiday, St. Patrick's Day, but folks on Saipan need not travel to Ireland to enjoy Irish dishes because Hyatt Regency Saipan will be offering these items on its menu on March 17.

Hyatt's Kili Café and Terrace will be hosting a special dinner buffet featuring traditional Irish dishes and, for one night only, a limited quantity of Harp Lager from Dundalk, Ireland will be available. This dinner buffet is priced at \$48.

With the complete menu of salads, appetizers, seafood, bread, carvings, hot entrees, and sweets, it's a pure Irish buffet made specifically for St. Patrick's.

For the appetizer, Hyatt executive chef Gabrielle Colombo will be serving delectable terrine maison, a mixture of beef, vegetables, herbs, and spices made into a spreadable paste. There will be two types: one with beef



PHOTOS BY JAYSON CAMACHO

A decorative display of Irish-themed props show off a couple of Harp

and another with seafood.

Another dish that is surprisingly good is a traditional Irish pub food, the rich and hearty beef and Guinness pie. Tender chunks of beef, beans, and mushrooms are simmered in a rich, Guinness beer-enriched sauce and encased in a flaky pastry. This goes especially well

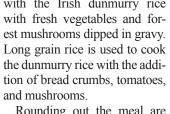
with the Irish dunmurry rice with fresh vegetables and forest mushrooms dipped in gravy. the dunmurry rice with the addition of bread crumbs, tomatoes. and mushrooms.

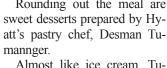
Rounding out the meal are mannger.

Almost like ice cream, Tumannger's English spring fruit trifle includes strawberry and white chocolate topping, while the green velvet cake with vanilla sauce and pistachios are a remarkable feast on the palate.

These are just a sample of the many traditional dishes that the Irish serve on St. Patrick's Day. Be sure to visit Hyatt's Kili Café and Terrace on March 17 and you might just find a four-leaf clover that'll make the rest of your year lucky!

For more information, call the Hyatt Regency Saipan at 234-1234.







Choice of beef or seafood terrine maison with pistachio and walnut toast.

Forest mushrooms dipped in sauce.



Beef, mushroom and Guinness pie.



English spring fruits trifle



Green velvet cake with vanilla sauce



From left to right: Hyatt Regency Saipan chef de partie Jesse Aguon, Kili Café & Terrace assistant manager Anthea Balthazar, and Hyatt executive chef Gabriele



Hyatt executive chef Gabriele Colombo, left, and pastry chef Desman Tumangger.

A rebellious Madonna pours heart into new album

had to pull a Kanye West on Kanye West to get the rapperproducer to focus in the studio.

West co-produced a number of tracks on Madonna's new album, "Rebel Heart," and the pop icon said she had to reel in the outspoken performer at times.

"Just think about his personality, which is engaging," she said with a smile during a recent interview. "He's highly intelligent and very aware about what's going on in the world, easily distracted, sometimes it was hard to get him to focus because he's like Mr. Multi-tasker and he's got a lot of moving parts."

"Sometimes I had to stand in front of the door like this, 'You're not going anywhere! We have to finish this song right now," she added, folding her arms.

Madonna's sternness worked: her 13th album, "Rebel Heart," released Tuesday, is one of her most critically acclaimed efforts in years. Time magazine's review praised it as her "most consistent album in a decade. The Los Angeles Times said it "lands solidly and with great grace on its feet," and USA Today gave it 3.5 out of four stars.

The album didn't come without hiccups: It was leaked last year and Madonna had to quickly release nine of the 19 tracks (aspiring singer Adi Lederman was placed under house arrest in Israel on suspicion of hacking into Madonna's computer). A fall last month at the Brit Awards also



This CD cover image released by Interscope Records shows the delux album "Rebel Heart," the latest release by Madonna.

took the focus off her music, though Madonna says she's doing fine. And the singer faced criticism when she posted Instagram photos of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela that were altered to look like her own image on her new album.

The 56-year-old said too many celebrities immediately apologize after being criticized on social media.

"I think that people probably apologize more than they have to," she said. "I think that people should stick to their guns and if you have any opinion about something, stick to it. Maybe you have to explain it further, not apol-

ogize for it, but elaborate on it." She further offers her thoughts on "Unapologetic Bitch," a selfexplanatory track on "Rebel Heart' that she said "was very cathartic, easy, fun" to create.

Madonna said she started recording the album 18 months ago and called the writing process "calming."

"When I started working with producers, that's when stuff started heating up. That's when things got exciting, unpredictable, late nights, lots of coming and going," she said.

Those producers range from West to Avicii to Diplo, who worked on the first single, the Other collaborators include Ryan Tedder, Mike Dean, Toby Gad and Nicki Minaj.

"A lot of times I was working with people I never met before. I would meet them for the first time and basically sit down and go, 'OK, let's write a song," she recalled. "A lot of interesting things came out of it; a lot of stuff I never used, and a lot of stuff I did. It was a good lesson for me in letting go."

West worked on tracks including "Holy Water," "Wash All Over Me," "Auto-tune Baby" and "Illuminati," which Madonna said she wrote "because I wanted to dispel the myth of what Illuminati means because people don't really understand the origin of the word."

"It's misused, misappropriated and misunderstood, so I tried to get that across in the song. Not sure anyone's paying attention to the lyrics just yet, but they will, certainly when I do it live," she said, who name-drops Justin Bieber, Jay Z and Lady Gaga on the song. "If people say, 'Oh I'm a member of the Illuminati and they think they're insulting me, I'm actually flattered by it because the real Illuminati were incredible thinkers, inventors, artists, philosophers, scientists.'

"Like who doesn't want to be put in that group, right?" she asked. "It has nothing to do with how many Mercedes-Benz you have or how much money you have or power."

Celine Dion to return to stage, but rep doesn't say when

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A representative for Celine Dion says the singer will return to the Las Vegas stage, but he offered no dates for future performances.

Dion hasn't performed since her July 29 show at The Colosseum at Caesars Palace. She has been suffering from inflammation of her throat muscles and caring for her husband who had a cancerous tumor removed in 2013.

Aldo Giampaolo said in a

statement emailed Wednesday that he wanted to reassure Dion's fans. He says the contracts for four of Dion's band members would not be renewed when they expire this weekend.

A Caesars Entertainment spokeswoman says the company and show producer AEG are ready to welcome Dion back to the venue as soon as she is ready but confirmed that there are no performance dates to announce.

'Monty Python' anniversary celebration planned for Tribeca

NEW YORK (AP)—A 40th an- says the group is hoping to niversary celebration for "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" is ber why they made the movie. coming in the general direction He calls it "a documentary of the Tribeca Film Festival.

The New York festival announced Wednesday that the film's anniversary will be marked with a special screening of the film, attended by the comedy group's five living members. They will attend the April 24 screening at the Beacon Theatre.

One Python, Michael Palin, at Tribeca.

meet anyone who can rememabout coconuts that rather lost its way.'

Another Python, Terry Gilliam, says a "lack of money" saved the film from mediocrity. Says Gilliam: "We couldn't afford real horses."

A documentary about the Pythons' 2014 reunion shows in London will also premiere

Streisand to present Redford 42nd annual Chaplin Award

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert Redford will receive Lincoln Center's 42nd annual Chaplin Award from his "The Way We Were" co-star, Barbra Streisand.

The Film Society of Lincoln Center announced Wednesday that Redford will receive the award at an April 27 gala. Joining Streisand as presenters are Jane Fonda, John Turturro and "All Is Lost" director J.C. Chandor.

Redford also will be celebrated with a seven-film tribute. The Film Society will screen his "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," "The Candidate," "Jeremiah Johnson," "Ordinary People" "Quiz Show," "Three Days of the Condor" and "The Way We Were" over April 24-27.

The award is named after Charlie Chaplin. Previous recipients include Alfred Hitchcock, James Stewart and Meryl Streep. Last year, it was given to Rob Reiner.

Upcoming films for the 78-year-old Redford include the Bill Bryson memoir adaption "A Walk in the Woods" and the Dan Rather docudrama "Truth."

Police: Unfounded report of shots at rapper Lil Wayne home

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)— An apparent hoax summoned a strong police response Wednesday to the home of rapper Lil Wayne after an unknown caller reported a shooting.

The call came in at 12:40 p.m. on a non-emergency line, Miami Beach police spokesman Ernesto Rodriguez said. The caller claimed four people had been shot at the waterfront home on an exclusive Miami Beach island.

The responding officers, including a heavily armed SWAT team, found no evidence of a shooting, no victims and no gunman. Rodriguez also said the owner of the home—Lil Wayne, whose real name is Dwayne Michael Carter—was not there at the time.

The rapper's representative, a massive response.

Chris Chambers, said Lil Wayne was in a recording studio when the incident took place.

'We can say for sure it was a hoax," Rodriguez said. "It's not a laughing matter."

The department said in a tweet that the phony call was an example of "swatting," in which people call in a false crime report to police in order to trigger

"MBPD handles all calls of this nature in a serious manner," the department's tweet said.

Police spoke with house staff members and went through the eight-bedroom, 10-bath home, Rodriguez added. Police K-9 dogs were also deployed.

Property records show the home, featuring a rooftop pool and boat dock, was most recently assessed at \$9.4 million.

Old world tradition clashes with new world diet change

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating my boyfriend, Mike, for about two years, and things are going great. During this time, I have become very close with his family. Both of his parents came to the United States from Europe, and with their culture comes his mother's traditional cooking and the need to make sure everyone's bellies are full.

I have always enjoyed her food; however, in the last six months I have become a vegetarian. Out of courtesy for her, I have been making sure to eat at home before spending time at Mike's house. I can see that his mother feels a bit put off because I have been eating less of her food, but I feel it would be rude to ask her for a separate meal to accommodate my diet. What should I do?

NERVOUS IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR NERVOUS: Your boyfriend's mother may be put off because she doesn't understand why you seem to be enjoying her cooking less. If you and Mike have been seeing each other for two years, you and his mother should be able to have an honest conversation with each other. TELL her you enjoy her cooking, but that you have changed your diet and no longer eat meat, etc. If she volunteers to prepare something else for you, it would be gracious of her. However, if she doesn't, I agree that it would be rude to ask her to do so.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were close friends with another couple, seeing them once or twice a week. Then we had to

move away from our hometown because of a job opportunity. We tried to stay in touch, but predictably we're not as close as when we were neighbors.

A few months ago, we were able to move back home, and we have been trying to revive the friendship. We have invited them to dinner three times only to be told: "We have commitments this week, and next week is crazy at work. Let's try to get together next month when things calm down." But there was no follow-up.

They do travel a lot, have small children and demanding jobs, so it's hard to know if the delays are real or if they aren't interested in being friends any longer. How much do we try before feeling we're annoying them and giving up?

BACK HOME IN OHIO

DEAR BACK HOME: Do as your friends suggested and give them a call in a month or six weeks. If they are still unavailable, say, "OK. Then the ball is in your court," and see if they follow up. And if they don't, then realize it's time to give up. When you moved away, they moved on.

DEAR ABBY: As a Valentine surprise, my boyfriend of two years presented me with a donation he had made in my name to his favorite charity. I thought it was impersonal and it hurt my feelings. Am I wrong to think he really doesn't care much for me?

ROSE-LESS IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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treats you the other 364 days of the year, and that's how you should judge him. Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne

DEAR ROSE-LESS: Let me put it this way, your boyfriend

isn't very good when it comes to gift selection. Many men

aren't. But more important than candy or flowers is how he

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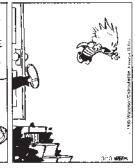
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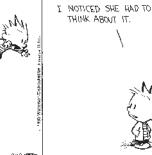
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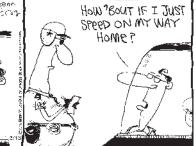












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Yesterday's answer 3-13

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For answers to today's crossword, call. 1-900-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch tone/rotary phones. (18- only.) A King

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Adam Clayton, 55; Dana Delany, 59; William H. Macy, 65; Neil Sedaka, 76.

Happy Birthday: Live and learn. Seek adventure and look for ways to live out your dreams. Take action and refuse to sit on the sidelines waiting for things to happen. Take ownership of what you do. Go above and beyond the call of duty and you will get recognition as well as opportunities that will help you advance. Your numbers are 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34, 47.



▲ ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Travel will entice you, but have your route mapped out and update any documentation you might need. Don't be fooled by an offer that sounds too good to be true. Focus on your needs and any love interest you have. **QQQ**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Rely on your intuition to help avoid a mishap, financial loss or someone trying to manipulate you. You are best to observe before getting involved in a group looking for donations. Stay within your budget no matter how tempted you are. 🛇 🗘 🗘



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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Uncertainties will cause you to question an offer. Joint ventures are not likely to run smoothly. Do some fact-finding before you trust someone's word. Time is on your side. Consider whether or not you can operate alone before you commit to a partnership. •••



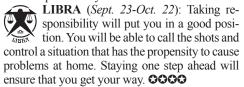
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Bypass anyone trying to push you in a direction that doesn't fit your personal plan.

Use your intelligence and your innovative insight to make do with what you already have. Don't give in to someone for emotional reasons. 🛇 🔾 🔾



LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Have fun with friends or sign up for a seminar or activity that will help you improve your appearance, status or future. Love is highlighted. If you are single, start looking for love. If not, nurture the relationship you are in. OOOOO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Avoid turmoil by refusing to take part in a debate. Do things that you find interesting even if it means doing them alone. Don't let the demands others make guilt you into giving up something that's important to you. 🗪



SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Clear up pressing matters. It's important not to take on more than you can handle. In order to protect your reputation, take care of your responsibilities before you agree to do someone

else's work. OOO SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep your life simple and stick to the

exact truth no matter who you are dealing with. Playing fairly will make a difference to how others treat you. Home improvement projects will bring good results. 🛇 😂

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Insecurity will be your downfall. Don't worry about what others do or say. Believe in yourself and carry on until you complete whatever task you have been given. Don't let a personal or emotional incident cost you professionally. 🛇 😂 🔾

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Welcome whatever change comes your way. Put your ideas into motion and you will be able to earn extra income. Put time aside to do something with someone special. Time spent reminiscing will bring you closer to the one you love. OOOO

DEALING WITH MY ASTHMA

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take a step back and re-evaluate what you have done in the past. You'll have to make some alterations if you intend to make a new attempt at an old idea. Don't make the same mistake twice. Consider who can contribute to your success. Birthday Baby: You are exciting, intense and adventuresome. You are outgoing and persistent. Eugenia's website—eugenialast.com, Eugenia's android app @ http://bit.ly/exhoro and join Eugenia on twitter/facebook/linkedin.

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer									
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By DAVID WONDERWORD OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters areall that Wordsproper?

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRY AGULTO MENDIOLA,

Deceased

) Civil Action NOTICE OF

HEARING and NOTICE TO Date: April 7 2015

Time: 1:30 p.m. Judge: Honorable

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitione Wilfredo G. Ching, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate roceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. P. 15.
A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on April 7, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 223, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show

cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to NMI R. of Prob. P. 21, notice hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or hi Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any credito should be sent to Jennifer Dockter at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for

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/S/ JENNIFER DOCKTER (F0465) Attorney for Petitioner

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/s/ JESSE S. PALACIOS

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- Appears in Court for the purpose of providing testimony on Probation cases; Enforces Court Orders involving Probation cases;
- Attends public relations activities, conferences and field visits in connection with investigation and supervision
- Performs other law enforcement and public safety related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS: Candidate must have a high school diploma or equivalent and have obtained a bachelors degree from a recognized college or university. Have three (3) years experience in legal, law enforcement and/or court work. Successful candidate must provide current police and traffic clearances and proof of eligibility to work in the CNMI. Applicants given a conditional offer of employment with the CNMI Judiciary will be required to submit to urinalysis to screen for the illegal use of drugs prior to employment.

COMPENSATION AND TENURE: This position is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Presiding Judge. Salary range: \$20,485 - \$24,889.35 depending on experience and qualification.

INTERESTED PERSONS may obtain application forms at the OPM offices in the CNMI, at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, and three references should be submitted to:

> Michelle V. Guerrero Human Resource/Administrative Officer Guma Hustisia/Iimwal Aweewe/House of Justice P.O. Box 502165 Saipan, MP 96950 Tel. (670)236-9818 Fax. (670) 236-9702 michelle.guerrero@justice.gov.mp

This job announcement will remain open until filled. Also, this job announcement can be seen and a printable copy of the application downloaded at http://www.justice.gov.mp.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-005, Rev.1

W-4, W-5 AND W-6 SEWER LIFT STATION ELIMINATION

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The project is composed of a Base Bid Items and 3 Additive Bid Items. The base bid consists of construction of a new lift station to replace the existing W-5 lift station; installation of new gravity mains from existing W-4 lift station to the new W-5 lift station, installation of force main from the new W-5 lift station to the nearby gravity sewer main, thereby eliminating existing sewer lift stations; installation of Owner-Furnished Contractor-Installed (OFCI) products; construction of a new generator building and appurtenances; demolition and restoration existing minor structures and restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. Additive Bid No. 1 consists of archaeological and unexploded ordnance standby and monitoring services. Additive Bid No. 2 consists of a bar screen and appurtenances for the new W-5 lift station. Additive Bid Item No. 3 consists of the installation of new gravity sewer main and manholes from existing W-6 lift station to W-5 such that W-6 can be eliminated; demolition of the W-6 electrical building, new laterals, and the restoration of existing asphalt concrete road. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract. disruption to the daily operation of the sewer system. CUC requires the Project to be completed in 350 calendar days from date of award of contract.

The project is funded by a grant from the United States of Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). The award of this project is contingent upor receipt of approval for project award from USEPA.

Prospective Bidders for this IFB must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The IFB package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 for one IFB package set.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Conference followed by site visits will be held on March 27, 2015 at 10:00 AM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.10, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the bid MUST be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-005, Rev.1, W-4, W-5 and W-6 Sewer Lift Station Elimination to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on April 21, 2015, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of *fifteen percent* (15%) of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The bid guarantee may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. A Performance Bond of *one hundred percent* (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC. A Payment Bond of *one hundred percent* (100%) of the total proposal price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands or otherwise secured in a manner satisfactory to CUC, for the protection of all persons supplying labor and material to the contractor, or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract contractor or its subcontractors for the performance of the work provided for in the contract

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification should be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

This Invitation for Bids does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of bids in anticipation of a contract. The award of a contract may be contingent upon the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) approval. If CPUC approval is required, the contract will not be executed by CUC until such approval is provided. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered bidders and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on April 2, 2015 to Mr. Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Öfficer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer via email at john.riegel@cucgov.org and Nicolette Villagomez, Junior Engineer, Water & Wastewater via email

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids for any reason and waive any defects in said bid proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

Executive Director

Suh to Miami, Bulaga to Packers in free agency

By BARRY WILNER AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER



The free agency frenzy, trading outbreak and stunning retirements of the first day of

the NFL's business year gave way to one headliner Wednesday: Ndamukong Suh.

Miami signed the All-Pro defensive tackle and top prize in this year's free agent crop to a \$114 million, six-year contract. It made Suh the highest-paid defensive player in NFL history, surpassing J.J. Watt's \$100 million, six-year deal with Houston.

They expect him to plug the line against the run, and threaten—and sack—quarterbacks.

"I'm excited about the pressure," Suh said, referring not to the pass rush but to the expectations that come with such a contract. "I don't necessarily look at it as pressure. I look at it as something I'm built for.

"This is the ultimate team sport. There's no way I can do it by myself. I want to be a cornerstone. At the same time our quarterback is going to be a cornerstone, Ryan Tannehill, who I have a lot of respect for: No. 1 because he has taken my hits."

They played each other last season, a 20-16 Detroit victory.

Also, All-Pro running back DeMarco Murray will visit Philadelphia on Thursday, a person familiar with the meeting said. The person spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Wednesday night because the Eagles haven't announced the visit. Philadelphia agreed to a threeyear contract with running back Ryan Mathews earlier in the day, according to two people with knowledge of the deal.

It's a no-lose situation for the Eagles. If they don't get Murray, they're helping drive up his price for the rival Dallas Cowboys. Murray helped the Cowboys win the NFC East title last season while rushing for a franchise-record 1,845 yards. He broke the Dallas record held by NFL career rushing leader Emmitt Smith and also set a league mark with eight straight 100-yard games to start the season.

Suh, the second overall pick in 2010, had 36 sacks in five seasons in Detroit, including 8 1/2 in 2014. His presence should boost the performances of ends Cameron Wake and Olivier Vernon, who have com-



bined for 38 sacks in the past

"To get a player of Ndamukong's stature says a lot about our organization," director of football operations Mike Tannenbaum said. "The fact he chose us speaks volumes about our organization, our chance to win and the foundation that has been laid here."

Miami also released veteran defensive tackle Randy Starks.

While Suh was leaving the NFC North, one of the prime offensive tackles on the market was staving there.

Green Bay re-signed right tackle Bryan Bulaga, ensuring that the NFL's highest-scoring team will keep its entire offense intact for 2015. The deal is believed to be for five years and \$34 million, with an \$8 million signing bonus.

Days before Bulaga came back, the Packers re-signed receiver Randall Cobb.

Some second-tier quarterbacks were on the move Wednesday.

The Jets acquired Ryan Fitzpatrick from Houston, and he was replaced there by Brian Hoyer.

Fitzpatrick, 32, is expected to push Geno Smith for the starting job with New York. He reunites with Chan Gailey, who coached Fitzpatrick in Buffalo and is the Jets' new offensive

Hoyer, formerly of the Browns, will compete with Lance Kendricks. Ryan Mallett with the Texans. Mallett was re-signed earlier this week.

"When you look at the offensive side of the ball—Arian Foster, (DeAndre) Hopkinsthose types of guys, the offensive line, I'm excited to get a chance to be a part of this," Hoyer said.

The Jets also signed G James Carpenter, who won a Super Bowl with Seattle.

There was one retirement, by cornerback Cortland Finnegan. which was expected - as opposed to Tuesday's retirements of three players in their primes: Patrick Willis, Jake Locker and

In other moves Wednesday:

Miami Dolphins owner Stephen Ross, left, talks to his newest player, Ndamukong Suh, as Suh puts on a Dolphins cap during an NFL football news conference in Davie, Fla., Wednesday, March

■ Chicago agreed to terms with three-time Pro Bowl safety Antrel Rolle on a three-year deal, and LB Pernell McPhee on a five-year contract.

Rolle, a 10-year veteran, has 26 interceptions with the Arizona Cardinals and New York Giants.

McPhee played behind Terrell Suggs and Elvis Dumervil in Baltimore and had 7 1/2 sacks last season.

"I wanted to come and be a part of bringing that tradition back," McPhee said of the Monsters of the Midway, who haven't been too monstrous of late. "You now, a hard-nosed playing defense, play with violence, play with an attitude, play with a swag. Just go out there and dominant the game."

■ Kansas City and offensive guard Paul Fanaika have agreed to terms on a three-year deal, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Wednesday night because the Chiefs have not announced the deal. Fanaika still must pass a physical for it to be complete. Fanaika was a seventh-round draft pick of the Eagles in 2009, when Chiefs coach Andy Reid was in charge. He came into his own in Arizona, starting all 30 games he played in over the past two seasons.

- Cincinnati refortified its offensive line be re-signing G Clint Boling and OT Eric Winston, the president of the players' union.
- Tampa Bay released DE Michael Johnson, an expensive free agent the Bucs added last year, and tackle Anthony Collins. They also agreed to a fouryear, \$20.5 million deal with linebacker Bruce Carter.
- St. Louis traded with Houston for backup QB Case Keenum and also re-signed TE
- Minnesota re-signed DT Tom Johnson, who had 6 1-2 sacks in 2014, and added QB Shaun Hill to back up Teddy Bridgewater.
- New England added to its receiving group by signing Brandon Gibson and Kevin Dorsey and re-signing Brian
- Oakland bulked up its defense with DT Dan Williams and LB Curtis Lofton.
- Philadelphia added CB Walter Thurmond III on a oneyear contract.
- Tennessee agreed to terms with WR Harry Douglas and signed S Da'Norris Searcy.
- Washington signed defensive lineman Stephen Paea.

Kelly says Eagles aren't trading up for Mariota

By ROB MAADDI

AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

Once he broke his silence, Chip Kelly couldn't stop talking.

Kelly shot down months of speculation about the Philadelphia Eagles trading up to draft Heisman Trophy winner Marcus Mariota; endorsed Sam Bradford as his starting quarterback; and denied a power struggle with former general manager Howie Roseman that ended with him taking control of personnel decisions.

"I think Marcus is the best quarterback in the draft." Kelly said Wednesday about his former Oregon QB. "We will never mortgage our future to go all the way up to go get somebody like that because we have too many other holes that we're going to take care of."

Of course, Kelly could be bluffing. NFL coaches don't disclose draft strategy. Former Eagles coach Buddy Ryan famously called Keith Byars "a

medical reject" before selecting him in the first round in 1986.

But the addition of Bradford and the team re-signing Mark Sanchez means Philadelphia has invested nearly \$17 million in two quarterbacks for 2015. Bradford was acquired from St. Louis on Tuesday for Nick Foles and a pair of draft picks. Kelly said the former No. 1 overall pick isn't trade bait and he already turned down a firstround pick for him.

"We didn't bring Sam here to be a (trade) chip," Kelly said. "I'm the only Chip here."

Kelly hadn't talked to reporters since the day after the Eagles finished the regular season.

It's been quite a hectic off-

First, Kelly assumed control of personnel moves when Roseman was elevated to executive vice president of football operations in a major front-office shakeup. That followed the player personnel Tom Gamble. Kelly insisted owner Jeffrey Lurie made the decision to put him in charge.

"I get along great with Howie," Kelly said. "The only difference is I have final say."

Kelly pinned the last two drafts on Roseman, including the baffling decision to select linebacker Marcus Smith in the first round last year. Smith hardly played as a rookie.

Last week, Kelly began overhauling a roster that went 10-6 his first two seasons. He traded two-time All-Pro running back LeSean McCoy last week and released several starters. He also let Pro Bowl wide receiver Jeremy Maclin leave for Kansas City in free agency.

The Eagles have bolstered their defense by acquiring linebacker Kiko Alonso in the trade that sent McCoy to Buffalo, and by signing cornerbacks Byron Maxwell and Walter Thurmond dismissal of vice president of III. They also re-signed linebacker Brandon Graham.

They replaced McCoy by agreeing on a three-year contract with Ryan Mathews, according to two people familiar with the move. Both sources spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal is pending Mathews having a physical.

Kelly's appearance was unscheduled on a day the Eagles were set to introduce Bradford along with Byron Maxwell.

As for Bradford's surgically repaired knees, Kelly isn't concerned. Bradford hasn't played since 2013 and has twice had surgery to repair his left ACL.

'We've done our due diligence so we feel very confident as to where Sam is," Kelly said. "I think he's got an outstanding skill set. He's a big, strong, physical quarterback. He's smart, intelligent. He's one of the most accurate throwers when you see him throw the football. He's wired right."

Giants extend coach Tom Coughlin's contract through 2016

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP)—Tom Coughlin is not going to be a lame-duck coach for the New York Giants.

The Giants on Wednesday extended Coughlin's contract through the 2016, move that was expected. Co-owner John Mara announced shortly after last season that his coach would be returning despite missing the playoffs for three straight seasons.

Terms were not immediately available. Coughlin, at 68 the league's oldest coach, got a three-year, \$20 million contract in 2012, a one-year extension after last season and another

Coughlin, who led the Giants to Super Bowl titles over the Patriots after the 2007 and '11 seasons, is entering his 12th season with the Giants. His tenure is the second longest in the 90-year history of the franchise. Hall of Famer Steve Owen coached the team from 1930-53.

Since becoming Giants coach in 2004, Coughlin is 96-80 (.545) in the regular season and 8-3 (.727) in the postseason. The 96 regular-season victories are second in franchise history to Owen's 153, and his eight postseason triumphs tie Hall of Famer Bill Parcells for the most by a Giants coach.

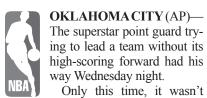
The 2015 season will be Coughlin's 20th as an NFL head coach. Including his eight seasons with the Jacksonville Jag-

uars, he is 164-140 (.539) in the regular season and 12-7 (.632) in the postseason. The 164 regular-season victories place him 13th in NFL history. Coughlin's 176 total victories are the league's 12th-highest total.

Coughlin has the thirdlongest tenure with one team among active NFL head coaches. Bill Belichick is entering his 16th season with New England and Marvin Lewis his 13th with the Cincinnati Bengals.

Jason Worilds.

Paul has 33, outplays Westbrook as Clippers beat Thunder



Only this time, it wasn't Russell Westbrook. It was Chris Paul.

Paul had 33 points and nine assists, J.J. Redick added 25 points and the Los Angeles Clippers beat Oklahoma City 120-108, ending the Thunder's sevengame home winning streak.

DeAndre Jordan had 18 points and 17 rebounds for the Clippers, who are fighting for a top-four seed in the Western Conference playoffs. Oklahoma City is battling to merely make the field and fell a half-game behind the New Orleans Pelicans in the race for the final playoff spot.

Both teams are playing for extended stretches without their standout forwards: Kevin Durant for the Thunder, Blake Griffin for the Clippers. In their absence, Paul fared better than his All-Star counterpart.

Westbrook, who had recorded triple-doubles in five of Oklahoma City's previous six games, finished with 24 points, nine rebounds, seven assists and a career-high 10 turnovers.

"He's human, I guess, so he struggled a little bit, which was great," Los Angeles coach Doc Rivers said.

Then he praised Paul.

"He's competitive, so you want to play well in the matchup. You want to always win your matchup. But I think he wants to win the game," Rivers said.

"Everyone else talks about all that other stuff. I think CP came into the game thinking, `Let's beat Oklahoma' and I think that's why he played well."

Anthony Morrow came off the

bench to score 26 points for the Thunder, who could get Durant back from a foot injury in a week or two, coach Scott Brooks said before the game.

Warriors 105, Pistons 98

In Oakland, California, Klay Thompson reached the 5,000-point milestone and knocked down two late 3-pointers in a 1:09 span, leading Golden State past Detroit for its fifth straight win.

Thompson finished with 27 points on 11-for-19 shooting in the Warriors' 51st victory—matching their total from last season—and their eighth straight against Detroit.

Andre Drummond had a career-high 27 rebounds—17 offensive—to go with 22 points in the Pistons' eighth straight loss.

Thompson's two 3s came during a decisive 18-2 run, including one with 5:37 left to put Golden State ahead by 10 as Detroit couldn't fight back.

Nuggets 115, Hawks 102

In Denver, Danilo Gallinari had 23 points and Will Barton added 16 as Denver beat Eastern Conference-leading Atlanta for its eighth straight home win over the Hawks.

By the end of the third quarter, Atlanta coach Mike Budenholzer had seen enough and inserted his bench players, who went on a 24-1 run midway through the fourth quarter to make the score respectable after trailing by 32 with 7:32 remaining. The Hawks haven't won in the Mile High City since Dec. 6, 2006.

Kyle Korver had 18 points to lead Atlanta. He hit five 3-pointers to give him 1,697 in his career and move him past Kobe Bryant (1,694) for 12th in NBA history.

Celtics 95, Grizzlies 92

In Boston, Marcus Smart converted a go-ahead, three-point play with 52 seconds left and Avery Bradley added a vital jump shot with 8 seconds remaining as Boston ended a five-game losing streak against Memphis.

Bradley scored 17 points to help the Celtics win their second in a row as they chase a playoff spot.

Smart put Boston ahead 91-90 with the last of 14 lead changes in the game, which ended when Mike Conley missed a deep 3-pointer for Memphis just before the buzzer.

Conley led Memphis with 20 points after missing time in the second half with an injured ankle or knee. Tony Allen added 16 points, and Zach Randolph had 14 points, eight rebounds and five assists.

Heat 104, Nets 98

In Miami, Dwyane Wade had 28 points and nine assists, and Chris Andersen equaled a career high with 18 points and set a season high with 14 rebounds as Miami finished off a season sweep of Brooklyn.

Goran Dragic added 17 points in his return to the Miami lineup. The Heat went 7-0 against New York's two teams this season—4-0 against the Nets, 3-0 against the Knicks—and moved back into the No. 8 spot in the Eastern Conference playoff race, helped by Sacramento beating Charlotte earlier Wednesday night.

The Heat were without center Hassan Whiteside, serving a one-game suspension for elbowing Boston's Kelly Olynyk on Monday night.

Deron Williams and Jarrett Jack each scored 18 points for the Nets. Brook

Lopez finished with 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Bulls 104, 76ers 95, OT

In Philadelphia, Aaron Brooks scored seven of his season-high 31 points in overtime to help short-handed Chicago beat Philadelphia.

Pau Gasol had 27 points and 16 rebounds, and Nikola Mirotic finished with 16 points and 12 rebounds for the Bulls. They snapped a three-game skid without four regulars and three of their top five scorers.

The Bulls dressed only 10 players and were without Jimmy Butler, Derrick Rose, Taj Gibson and Joakim Noah. Rose had knee surgery Feb. 27, but said Monday that hopes to return this season, targeting 4-to-6 weeks for a comeback from yet another knee injury. Butler (elbow) missed his sixth straight game, and Gibson (ankle) sat out his seventh in a row. Noah (knee) was a late scratch.

Ish Smith led Philadelphia with a career-high 23 points.

Trail Blazers 105, Rockets 100

In Portland, Oregon, LaMarcus Aldridge had 26 points and 14 rebounds as Portland held off the Houston.

The Trail Blazers limited James Harden to 18 points and tied the Rockets for third place in the Western Conference.

Harden was averaging just over 27 points to rank second in the league. Corey Brewer scored 23 points for Houston, including 17 in the fourth quarter.

Robin Lopez finished with 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Blazers, who have won a Western Conference-best 27 games at home this season.

Suns 106, Timberwolves 97

In Phoenix, Markieff Morris scored 24 points and Eric Bledsoe had 18 points and nine assists as Phoenix beat Minnesota.

Rookie T.J. Warren added a careerhigh 17 points, and Marcus Thornton hit back-to-back 3-pointers early in the fourth quarter and finished with 14 points.

Warren's dunk with 3:20 left punctuated the win. He was fouled on the basket and made the free throw to give the Suns a 12-point lead.

Kevin Martin had 16 points for Minnesota.

Kings 113, Hornets 106

In Charlotte, North Carolina, Ben McLemore scored 27 points and Rudy Gay added 26 as Sacramento beat Charlotte to end a four-game losing streak.

DeMarcus Cousins had 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Kings.

Charlotte's Kemba Walker had six points in 16 minutes off the bench after missing 18 games following knee surgery, but the Hornets lost center Al Jefferson to a strained right calf late in the third quarter. Michael Kidd-Gilchrist led Charlotte with 23 points.

Bucks 97, Magic 91

In Milwaukee, Khris Middleton scored a season-high 30 points for the second time in three games to lead Milwaukee past Orlando Magic.

Middleton, who also had 30 points Saturday night against Washington, was 12 of 17 from the floor. The Bucks have won 10 of their last 12 home games.

Nikola Vucevic had 19 points and 14 rebounds for Orlando. The Magic have lost nine a row on the road.





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Brewers outlast Yankees in 11 innings to snap skid



Defending champion GSM Brewneeded an 11-inning thriller to escape with a 15-14 win over

the Saipan Stevedore Yankees in the 2015 Saipan Baseball League on Wednesday night at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

The Brewers ended their two-game skid and in the process snapped the Yankees' fourgame winning run in the almost four-hour match.

The Brewers enjoyed a 9-1 lead after 2 1/2 innings but just when everybody thought the Mark Flores-managed squad was going to cruise to victory, the Yankees came charging back and kept the game close.

The Yankees, trailing 13-11 in the bottom of the ninth, forced an extra inning on Brian Camacho's two-RBI double after he drove in Tommy Joab and Ben Jones, who both hit singles.

Byron Kaipat pushed the Brewers again in the top of the 10th when he scored on a Yankees error, but John Tudela tied the count anew in the bottom of stop Peter Tomokane. the inning.

Jun Rabauliman scored the go-ahead run in the top of the 11th after he was brought in by Tyrone Omar's RBI double. Nokki Saralu also had a standup double but Omar failed to score as he was tagged out on a 2-6 putout play by Yankees catcher Robert Bansil and shortManny Sablan grounded out

to first baseman Gary Cruz to end the inning and again gave the Yankees a chance to either tie the match or win it.

But strikeout leader Vince Cepeda foiled their plans as Jones, who was hit by pitch, was tagged out while heading to



From left, the Brewers' Vince Cepeda, Jun Rabauliman, Nokki Saralu, Byron Kaipat, and Diego Camacho huddle near the pitcher's mound in their Saipan Baseball League game against the Yankees on Wednesday night at the Francisco M. "Tan Ko" Palacios Baseball Field.

tos fielder's choice.

Cepeda then forced Tomokane to a pop fly that was caught by catcher Pat Alepuyo and ended the game when he retired Camacho.

Saralu led the Brewers offense going 4-for-5 with three runs, three doubles, and two RBIs, while Jesse Brel went 3-for-4 with three runs, two triples, and three RBIs.

Cepeda pitched 7.2 innings in

relief surrendering eight runs, four earned, on eight hits while striking out seven and walking one.

Lefty Lancaster Secharmidal lasted only 3.1 innings and was tagged with six runs, four earned, on three hits while fanning two and walking three.

The Yankees' loss wasted Camacho's 4-for-7 performance at the plate where he drove in a game-high six RBIs with two runs and a double.

'15 Saipan Sportsfest welcomes volunteers for upcoming events

Volunteers are needed for the upcoming Saipan Sportsfest, including the Tagaman Triathlon on March 22 and the XTER-RA Saipan Championship on March 28.

"We have a variety of volunteer positions, and we would encourage anyone interested in helping out with either the Tagaman or the XTERRA Saipan Championship to contact us," said race director Eric Tydingco.

Those interested in volunteering for either race can send their contact information and preferred volunteer assignment to meet@pivot24.com or call

1671-482-7933.

Volunteer positions include bike and run course marshals, transition area assistance, water/ aid stations, and general logis-

A volunteer briefing will be held prior to the race, and race staff is asking that volunteers attend for important race information. The briefing for Tagaman will be held on March 19 and the XTERRA Saipan volunteer briefing will be held on March 26. Both briefings will begin at 5:30pm at the Marianas Visitors Authority office in San Jose.

"It's great that the NMC Foundation Open has built a loyal following of golfers and supporters who are

dedicated to helping the college," said NMC Foundation president Joe Santos. "We are very grateful for their continued support and look forward to seeing them on the golf course again this April."

also encourages other golfers who have not played in the Foundation Open before to join us this year," Santos added. "All funds raised will help our students meet their educational goals by supporting the college's mission, which is a win-win situation for everyone."

the tournament is \$95 per player.

Interested players are also

also asking companies, ganizations and individuals to sponsor holes and prizes or contribute monetarily to show their support to the only post secondary institution in the CNMI. Those interested in sponsoring the event or who are interested in registering to play can contact the Northern Marianas College at 234-5498 extension 6764 or 6710.

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SIS

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19-all. Zhu slowed down a bit in the third period, making only one field goal, but Hudkins and Mike Lee stepped up. The duo along with Kizer dominated the rebounding department, giving SIS several second chance points. Hudkins and Mike Lee combined for 7 points in the third, lifting SIS to a 27-21 advantage, entering the final canto.

The Geckos kept the driver's seat in the fourth canto and even pulled away past the halfway mark of that period off Zhu's

layups and Hudkins and Lee's putbacks. The Knights failed to mount a comeback in the final frame as it resorted to outside shooting and never hit a single triple, canning only three field goals.

Hudkins, Mike Lee, and Kizer combined for 20 points for SIS, while Anthony Zhu completed the Geckos' box score, chipping in 2. Other members of the champion squad are Billy Lee, Jun Bum Huh, Jayson Pascual, Henry Qian, Morgan Kim, Mock You, Tony Kim, Ricky Wang, and Kevin Park. Rick Linkenhelt coached the Geckos.

ruled the girls division following a 28-12 victory over Grace Christian Academy in their title match.

The Lady Knights capitalized on the misfiring Eagles to clinch the girls championship that eluded the former last season when they lost to Whispering Palms, 11-16.

Every time GCA muffed on its offensive set, Mt. Carmel came rushing to its frontcourt for the breakaway baskets. Louisa Han drilled most of those shots as she top-scored for the Lady Knights with her 12 points. Han also drew help from Hyo Lim Cho and Bun

Seo Choi, as Mt. Carmel zeroed in on the title win, 26-9, going into the final canto.

The Lady Eagles failed to hit double figures after three quarters as they were scoreless in the first frame, made only 5 points in the second and continued to bleed for points in the first four minutes of the third until Karena Torres scored the team's only third goal in the match. Torres was also fouled on her way to the basket, but missed an and-1 play.

Jasmine Phan was the only other GCA player to notch a field goal in the third period and added one free throw in the fourth, while Torres got another basket. Han gave the Lady Knights their lone field goal in the fourth period.

Girls Championship

MCS 28 - Han 12, Choi 6, Cho 5, Diaz 3, Alcantara 2. GCA 12 – Torres 9, Phan 3. Scoring by quarters: 6-0, 16-5, 26-9, 28-12.

Boys Championship

SIS 44 – B. Zhu 22, Hudkins 10, M. Lee 7, Kizer 3, A. Zhu 2. MCS 27 - K. Santos 11, Tkel 10, Ong 4, Jones 2.

Scoring by quarters: 7-9, 19-19, 29-21, 44-27.

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announced, but is expected to be in the \$90-100 range.

They may have to reach deep into their pockets to afford it, but there's little doubt that boxing fans will buy it. They want to see what Mayweather and Pacquiao say they are eager to show—the two biggest draws in boxing settling things between them once and for all in the ring.

"We don't want to leave a question mark in the minds of fans of boxing," said Pacquiao, from the Philippines. "It's also very important this fight is for the honor of my country."

If the interest in the press conference at a downtown theater was any indication, the fight is already on its way to record business. More than 700 credentials were issued for the event, and both fighters walked a red carpet lined by photographers and video cameras that was worthy of the Academy Awards.

Mayweather came late, though he could walk over from his condo next door. The payper-view king was businesslike and relatively subdued, with nothing bad to say about Pacquiao or anyone in his camp.

Earlier, Mt. Carmel School

"It's always good to have the best fight the best," Mayweather said. "That's what's so intriguing about this match up."

Mayweather said he was adamant about making the fight, pestering manager Al Haymon to get it done. But the biggest bout in recent history still may not have happened if not for a chance meeting between Mayweather and Pacquiao at a Miami Heat basketball game in January—a meeting that took place only because a big storm on the East Coast delayed Pacquiao's flight.

Mayweather went to Pacquiao's hotel suite afterward and the two talked and decided the fight had to be made.

"I didn't say a lot of words because I didn't want to say a mistake," Pacquiao said. "He said there's an A-side and a Bside and the purse would be 40-60. That's enough to put me in the B-side."

Mayweather said the fight reminded him of when he was young and Marvin Hagler and Sugar Ray Leonard fought in a huge middleweight title match in 1987. Mayweather said he wondered then how there could ever be a fight as big as that one.

Now he's in a fight that will be bigger, if only because technology has advanced far enough to sell it to almost every home in the country.

"It's all about timing and I think we couldn't choose a better time," Mayweather said. "This is a fight the world can't miss. This is an unbelievable matchup."

Both fighters went out of their way to be polite and respectful to each other. Mayweather also had good things to say about Pacquiao promoter Bob Arum, who he often said he would never work with again after being promoted early in his career by Arum.

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through an interpreter.

Their partnership chemistry was put to the test in an exhibition match in Guam where they played against Japanese pros Erika Habaguchi and Summer Miyagawa, who are both third timers in the Marianas Cup. The Chinese lost to the Japanese in Guam.

Shen and Wang, however, evened the count when they played last Saturday at the Fiesta Resort's beach side. The Chinese pair completed a 19-21, 21-9, 15-12 win over Habaguchi and Miyagawa.

"This is our first time to play in the Marianas Cup in Guam. And it is a pleasure to also get the chance to play here on Saipan. We enjoy the weather since it is still cold in our place in China," said Wang, who hails at the Northeastern province of Liaoning together with Shen.

Both Shen and Wang, who are both sports majors in their final year in college, added that they usually play indoor volleyball during six months of cold weather. They were invited by the Chinese government to represent their country in the Marianas Cup.

Japanese men's pair Kato Sato and Takashi Tsuchiya defeated Americans Jeff Carlucci and Tyler Willsley, 21-17, 21-17, in the other exhibition match. Sato and Tsuchiya trailed for most of the match but came back in both sets to seal the two-set win.

Their net defense, crisp spikes, and carefully placed drop shots, coupled by errors made by Carlucci and Willsey helped them rally back from the game.

The exhibition matches were part of the activities of the Marianas Cup Festival where they also held youth clinics, and visited students at Marianas High School and Saipan International School.



NMC Foundation

announces 12th

Annual Open Golf

In its effort advance post secondary education

the CNMI, the Northern Marianas College Foundation has announced that its signature event, the Annual NMC Foundation Open Golf Tournament, will be held on April 18 at the west course of the Laolao Bay Golf Resort. This will be the 12th year the tournament has been held.

The NMC Foundation is an all-volunteer board, committed to elevating higher education opportunities for CNMI students. All proceeds from the tournament will be used to support NMC's mis-

"The NMC Foundation

The entrance fee for

invited to bring their family, friends, and playing partners for a fantastic day of fun and fundraising for a good cause. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, Seniors, and Ladies. There will be lots of great prizes and awards to players and sponsors. The NMC Foundation is

Registration forms are available at Laolao Golf Resort and at the NMC Cashier, where payments for the registration fee can be made as

Tan Holdings, Thundercats top foes

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Tan Holdings FC won the battle of the Top 2 teams in Division 1 of the M-League,

outclassing Wild Bill's, 6-4, last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

With the victory, Tan Holdings solidified its hold to the division lead, improving to an immaculate 5-0-0 win-drawloss record, while Wild Bill's stayed in second place, but fell to a 4-0-2 mark.

Sean Perez lifted Tan Holdings against Wild Bill's with his hat-trick, which were also registered in the second half that started with the opposing teams in a deadlock, 2-all.

Martin Jambor drilled the two goals for Tan Holdings, as he scored in the 11th and 38th minute. Tanapon Unsa duplicated Jambor's feat, hitting his first goal in the 18th and the equalizer one minute before the first half wrapped up.

In the second half, Wild Bill's managed to take the lead off Lar Wongpaya's goal in the 48th minute, but Tan Holdings countered with three goals in a span of five minutes to regain the upper hand. Takemoto Suzuki scored in the 55th minute, while Perez had notched two straight goals in the 57th and 60th for their 5-2 advantage.

An Adul Detdon shot in the 78th kept Wild Bill's in the game, but Perez found the back of the net anew five minutes later to seal it for Tan Holdings.

In Division 2 matches, the Thundercats bagged an easy win over the CNMI Women's National Team, 5-10, while World Resort and Matansa settled for a 2-2 draw.

Timothy Tawanpiy, Cosmos

M-LEAGUE FIXTURES



Matansa's Tej Gurung uses his body to stop the ball, while a World Resort player stay close to him during the first half of their game in Division 2 of the M-League last Sunday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Kim, Don Cabrera, John Villagomez, and Yong Jun Jeo scored for the Thundercats, who nailed their first win in five games. The CNMI WNT remained winless after five matches.

Matansa retained the Division 2 lead as the draw against World Resort improved the former's record to 4-1-1, two wins ahead of idle Shirley's FC (2-2-1) and Kanoa FC (2-1-1). World Resort holds a 1-3-1 slate for fifth place in the seven-team field.

Matansa avoided an impending loss when Tej Gurung converted a penalty kick in the last minute of the match. Gurung also recorded the team's other goal in the second half, while Daniel Agulto and DHiraj Chhetri hit the board for World Resort in the first half.

Dove Women's Football League

In the first game in the renamed Dove Women's Football League last Saturday, Shirley's Football Club routed Kanoa, 8-0.

Alexa Vergara had a pair of goals in the Shirley's demolition of Kanoa, while Jeralyn Castillo, Kiana Atalig, Elaine and Horey.

Dianne Pablo, and Diana Maniacop added one goal apiece.

Enriquez, Marilou Gariguez,

Shirley's also played last Tuesday and had another easy win against Matansa, 6-1.

Gabrielle Race led the victory with her twin goals, while Mia Carreon, Gariguez, De Jana Muna, and Maniacop chipped in one goal each. Bernadette Horey logged the lone goal for Matansa.

Shirley's remained unbeaten in five games to stay on top of the seven-team field.

In the other match last Saturday, Tan Holdings FC nosed out Matansa, 3-2.

Choe Salvosa, Renita Fleming, and Mary Kay Alferos delivered the goals for Tan Holdings, while Matansa drew one goal each from Ratree Ditwiset

Kids Cup this Sunday at Fiesta Resort

The Marianas Beach Volleyball while Guam's version will be Festival 2015 is coming to a 14U. close this Sunday

with the ever-popular Kids Cup at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.

The Kids Cup is a four-player co-ed beach vol-

leyball event where each team is required one opposite gender on the court at all times.

There are two divisions in the Saipan event (17U and 13U)

This will be the 11th Kids Cup in Saipan, while it will be Guam's fourth

"On Saipan, we are expecting upwards of 120 players out on the

year in a row.

beach. This is a very, very popular event with our youth athletes," stated Saipan's event director, coach Mili Saiki of Saipan International School. (PR)

Eye Sees edges Island Manpower

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO REPORTER

Eye Sees held Island Manpower scoreless in the last two minutes to eke out a 61-57 victory in the second game in the 2015 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Eye Sees notched its fourth win in five games, tying idle Jake's Catering for second place in the team standings

behind unbeaten SSFM/New Garapan Market and boosting its bid for the automatic semis berth. The Top 2 teams after the round-robin elimination will gain outright semis entry.

Myler David top-scored in Eye Sees' triumph with his 14 points, while Angelo Fernando added 12, and Jerome Directo chipped in 9.

Seven of Directo's points came in the fourth quarter, including a putback that gave Eye Sees the lead, 58-57, entering the final two minutes of the match. Teams traded misses in the ensuing plays with Island Manpower's Jerome Norita muffing a triple and his running jumper hitting the side of the board and Eye Sees also faltering on its two offensive sets

After Norita's second miss, Fernando grabbed the rebound and went coast to coast to the basket, increasing Eye See's lead to 3, 60-57, with less than a minute left on the clock. Island Manpower tried to even up the count, but Ferdie Tobias missed a triple from the top key, while Eye Sees ran down some time before the former gave up late foul, 0.8 of a second remaining in the game. Directo made his second free throw to seal it for Eve Sees, while Jun Tabora's

desperation triple failed to beat the clock, preserving Eye Sees' 4-point winning margin.

It was a sorry loss for Island Manpower, who led by as much as 8 points late in the third off Tabora's string of baskets and then earned 6-point cushion in the opening minutes of the fourth, 52-

> 46, off Norita's back-to-back triples. Manpower was held to two field goals after that with Norita canning another

trey and Tabora drilling a fastbreak layup midway in the final frame. It was all Eye Sees from thereon.

In the first game, Mawati gained its third straight win after downing Maplas, 66-54.

Mawati played better in the second half, turning a 25-all halftime standoff, to a promising 48-37 advantage at the end of the third. Mawati never looked back from thereon.

Arjay Nonato anchored Mawati's second half assault, drilling 11 of his team-high 15 markers in the final 20 minutes of play.

First Game

Mawati 66 - Nonato 15. Demapan 14, Reyes 8, Corotan 7, Enriquez 7, Rivera 5, Rejano 5, Gontar 2, Larot 2.

Maplas 54 – Pangelinan 19, Mendoza 14, Aniciete 8, M. Usi 5, Achas 4, Surla 1.

Scoring by quarters: 8-15, 25-25, 48-37, 66-54.

Second Game

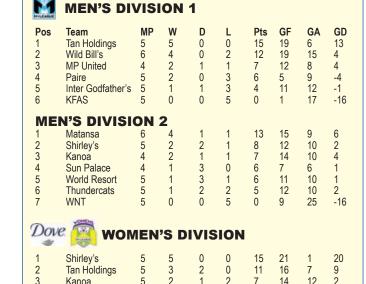
Eye Sees 61 - David 14, Fernando 12, Directo 9, Lim 8, Muleta 8, Quemado 6, Manzano 5.

Island Manpower 57 – Norita 25, Tabora 24, Palacios 3, Rangamar 3, Olopai 2.

Scoring by quarters: 12-8, 30-27, 42-43, 61-57.



Eye Sees' Lauro Lim throws up a shot against three Island Manpower defenders during the fourth quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Wednesday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball



UPCOMING GAMES

MP United

Matansa

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March 14 (Women's) 4pm Kanoa vs MPU 6pm Matansa vs Paire 8pm TanHoldings vs Shirley's March 17 7:15pm MPU vs IFC March 15 (Men's)

2pm Paire vs Wild Bill's

4pm MP United vs Inter Godfather's 6pm Sun Palace vs WNT 8pm World Resort vs Matansa 7pm Thundercats vs Kanoa March 19 7pm Shirley's vs WNT

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SAIPAN TRIBUNE

SIS routs Mt. Carmel in finale



By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

aipan International School bagged the championship in the boys middle school division of the 2014-2015 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League after whipping Mt. Carmel School in yesterday's finale, 44-27, at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

title game in the boys middle school division of the COPS-

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school division of the COPSSA caging yesterday at the

Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

towed SIS to the come-from-be-

top Lady

Eagles in

Lady Knights game-high points, while frontliners A.J. Hudkins, Mike Lee, and Eric provided

enough support in the Geckos' 17-point victory.

Benjamin Zhu sparked SIS' fightback late in the second

Benjamin Zhu quarter as he scored 7 straight points. Before his string of baskets, Zhu and the Geckos faced hind win, scor- an 8-13 deficit. Zhu earned his

successive points on fastbreak layups and drives, as the Knights defense failed to neutralize him.

girls' finals With Zhu leading SIS, the title match was back to square one after the first half,

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'Communication key to perfect pairing'

By JON PEREZ

Chinese professional beach volleyball players Rongrong Shen and Meng Tong Wang

believe that pairs must develop a special bond of friendship in order to become a successful partnership that would result

to victories on the sand court. Shen and Wang, who both played in the 23rd Annual Marianas Cup Beach Vol-

leyball Festival that was held

over the weekend in Guam, have been partners for more than four months and regularly played in tournaments in China and Korea

"It is much better if you

become good friends with your partner. Communicating inside the court would result to victories since you have a

better understanding of your moves and plays," said Shen

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Chinese pros Rongrong Shen, left, and Meng Tong Wang pose with the Japanese and American professional players during last weekends Marianas Cup at the Fiesta Resort's beach side.

Mayweather, Pacquiao begin countdown to their big fight

By TIM DAHLBERG AP BOXING WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Manny Pacquiao was out walking the red carpet by the time Floyd Mayweather Jr. arrived, fashionably late for their first appearance together to promote a fight that really needs no promoting.

But it didn't take long Wednesday for Mayweather to put the fight into perspective in a way that only a fighter nicknamed "Money" can.

"You get to this level where you're making nine figures in 36 minutes," Mayweather said, 'and you have to be a winner."

Mayweather had the math right, though he declined to say just how much he will make in the May 2 fight that has stirred excitement far beyond

the boxing community. He will get 60 percent of the purse in what is expected to be boxing's richest fight ever, a haul that could exceed \$120 million for Mayweather alone.

Pacquiao won't do badly, either, in a fight that was five years in the making and will

break records in another wayit will cost fans more than any

other fight in history to watch both at the MGM Grand arena or in the comfort of their living rooms.

At the only press conference the fighters will do prior to the week of the fight, promoters announced that tickets would range from \$1,500 in the upper reaches of the MGM Garden to \$7,500 at ringside. The pay-per-view price wasn't

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